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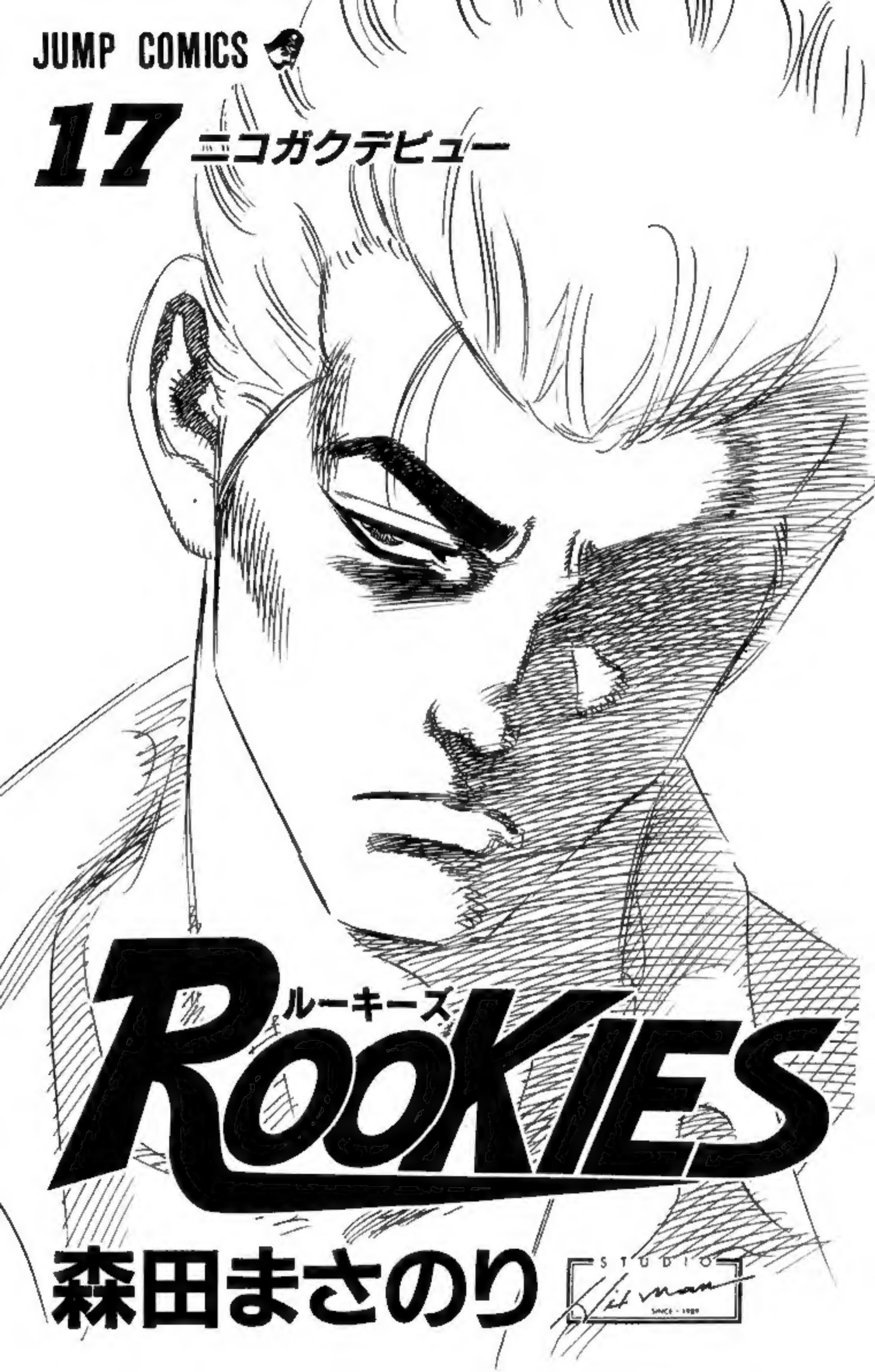


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ROOKIES

ルーキーズ

森田まさのり

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Character Introduction:




Hiyama
樋山


Yufune
湯舟


Sekikawa
関川


Wakana
若菜


Okada
岡田


Aniya
安仁屋


Shinjo
新庄


Mikoshiba
御子柴


Hiratsuka
平塚


Imaoka
今岡


Hamanaka
濱中


Akaboshi
赤星


Toko-Yagi
八木塔子





The Story Thus Far:

New teacher Kawato has accepted his mission to reform the currently-suspended baseball team.
He scrapes together a group of young toughs and clears the necessary hurdles to keep the team alive.
The Nikogaku Baseball Team is off to a new start.
They lost their first practice game in a heartbreaker, but the team now has the dream of the "Koshien" firmly implanted in their hearts.
The team harasses the talented-but-uninterested rookie Akaboshi for his plan to make the jump to America.
Meanwhile, the other new members – roughneck punks drawn by the thug image of the former team – grow angry with the new, serious baseball team, and attack.
Even Kawato and Akaboshi become targets...
However, the situation sorts itself out when the second-years and Kawato crush their assaulters.
Grateful to his senpais for saving him, Akaboshi decides to join the team and show off his skills. Soon a rivalry between Aniya and Akaboshi begins, with the summer Koshien prelims close at hand: who will be the team's ace pitcher?!

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Vol.156

1 - Ace -

ALL RIGHT!

NICE PIIITCH!






ナイン!!


GRR...


ATTA BOY!

AKABOSHI-KUN IS MORE RELIABLE, HOWEVER.

THERE ARE TIMES WHEN ANIYA-KUN'S CONTROL IS WILD.

THEIR ERA IS NEARLY THE SAME, BUT ANIYA-KUN IS CLEARLY BETTER IN PITCH VELOCITY AND STRIKEOUTS.

Note: ERA = Earned Run Average

NOW WE HAVE ULTIMATE CONFIDENCE... AND IT WILL BE TO OUR BENEFIT TO DECIDE WHICH OF THE TWO IS OUR BEST PITCHER.

IT'S CLEAR THAT OUR RECENT PROGRESS IS LARGELY OWED TO THE RIVALRY THOSE TWO HAVE FORMED.

HMM... BUT WE CAN'T DECIDE THIS ON DATA ALONE.

HMM-MM... HE'S RIGHT.

HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THEIR RIVALRY, EACH IS PRONE TO ATTEMPTING TOO MUCH, AND PLAYING TO HIS EGO.

BOTH OF THEIR PERSONALITIES SUPPORT THIS POSSIBILITY.

...IS THE ONE PITCHER ON THE TEAM WHO CAN BE MOST RELIED UPON TO GUIDE HIS FELLOWS TO VICTORY.

AN ACE...

NO, THAT'S WHAT THE *ACE* DOES...

I'M GONNA SHOW EVERYONE HOW IT'S DONE.

DID YOU JUST CALL YOURSELF THE ACE?!

NO, NO, NO, NO, HANG ON A SECOND.

OH, I'LL GO FIRST.

FIRST...

LET'S PRACTICE PICK-OFF THROWS NOW.

.....

MAN, THIS ACE BATTLE IS VICIOUS.

STOP THAT!

HEY! DON'T YOU FORGET ABOUT MEEEEE!

GYAHAHAHA! NOT THAT WE CARE WHO IT IS.

WHAT?

WHOA, CHECK OUT THE BASEBALL TEAM!

A-A PERFECT GAME?!

SERIOUS?

THEY'VE GOT ONE BATTER LEFT TO THROW A PERFECT GAME AGAINST A PRACTICE OPPONENT!

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MURMUR MURMUR

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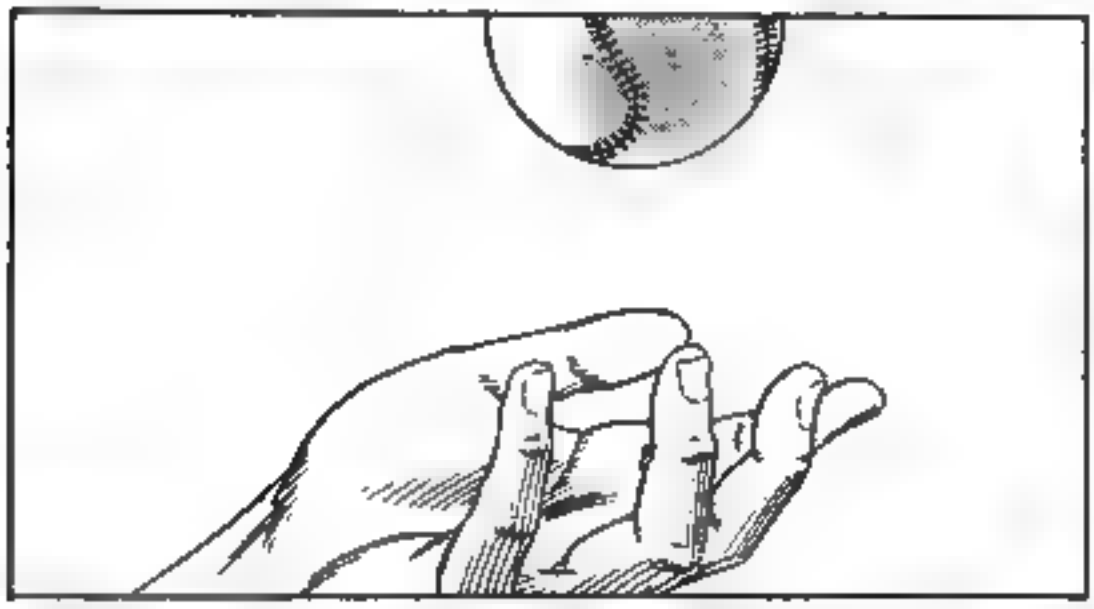
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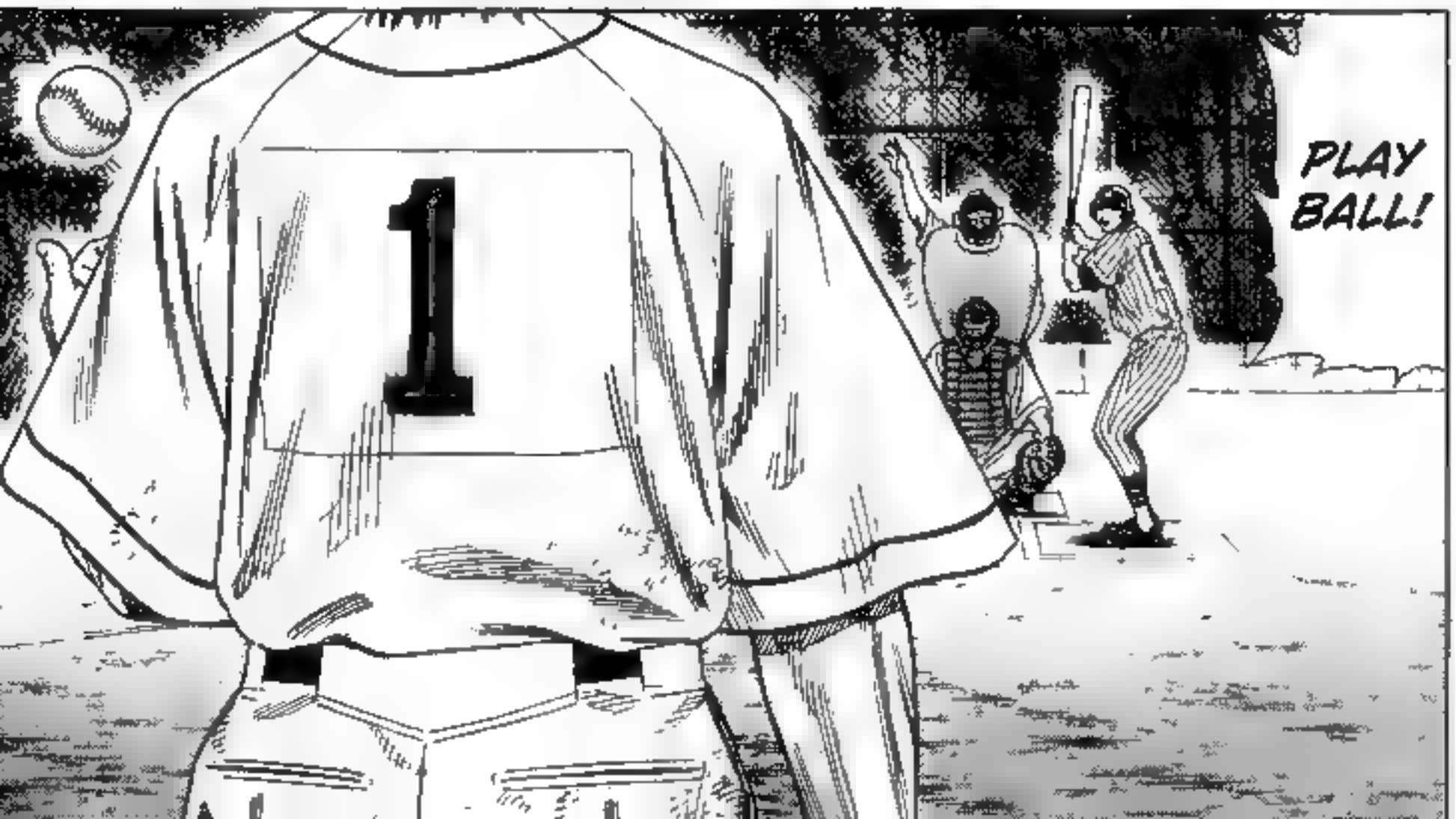

THIS IS CERTAINLY SOME-THING. .
JUST ONE MORE...


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BA-THUMP
BA-THUMP




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PLAY BALL!

IT'S... NOT ANYA-KUN?

WHO IS HE? INCRED-IBLE ..

.....

HE'S AMAZING...

IF HE FINISHES THIS ONE OFF, AKABOSHI'S THE ACE FOR SURE...

YOU GOT IT, LEFT FIELD!

RRGH!

Y-YES... HE DID IT. .

.....

HAMA-NAKA!

WHA...

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!

.....

RUN, RUN, RUN!

THE GUY'S GONNA RUN AROUND ALL THE BASES TO SCORE!

WHAT AN IDIOT! WAY TO GO!

WHAT THE FUCK WAS THAT?!

I'M GONNA KILL YOU, KID!

GAAAH!

PITCHER'S OUTTA GAS! TIME TO PUT THE ACE IN: ME!

MAN, WHAT A WASTE OF A PERFECT GAME!

WHO'S THE RETARD IN LEFT?

DON'T JUST SIT THERE, AKABOSHI! BACK UP THE THROW!

C'MON, AKABOSHI, DON'T TAKE IT SO HARD

HEH HEH THE BATTLE FOR ACE IS STILL UP IN THE AIR.

DUDE, YOU ARE NOT IN THE RUNNING!

CUT THE KID SOME SLACK.

WE WON, AND THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS.

I'LL KILL HIM! I'LL WRING HIS SCRAWNY NECK!

WHEW ..

SPLOSH SPLOSH

WELL, I MANAGED TO SCREW UP HIS PERFECT GAME.

.....

YOU'RE TOO NERVOUS, KID

WHEN YOU CATCH A FLY BALL, YOU GOTTA...

HEH HEH...

NO. 1 BELONGS ON *YOUR* BACK, ANIYA-SAN.

YOU CAN'T LET THAT FIVE-HEADED FREAK TAKE OVER YOUR JOB ON THE TEAM.

W-WHAT?!

DON'T WORRY, DUDE! THE ACE NUMBER BELONGS TO YOU! HA HA HA!

ALSO, I'LL CALL HIS NUMBER A BUNCH OF TIMES AND LEAVE SILENT MESSAGES, TO FREAK HIM OUT.

DON'T WORRY, I'... MIX SOME LAXATIVE INTO HIS DRINK THE NEXT TIME HE PITCHES, OR SOMETHING.

BWEHH!

I'M GONNA WIN THAT SPOT BY TALENT AND HARD WORK!

WHO ASKED YOU TO PULL THAT BULL-SHIT?!

W-WHAAA?

WHAAAA? WHAT'S WRONG?!

WHAT THE FUCK DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!

THAT'S A PERFECT GAME! YOU JUST DESTROYED THE CHANCE AT A HISTORIC FIRST FOR NIKOGAKU, YOU LITTLE PIECE OF SHIT!

AND WHAT IF THAT HAD CAUSED US TO LOSE THE GAME?!

.....

T-THAT WAS AN EXCUSE FOR MY SHITTY ERROR!

I'M SORRY, DON'T BEAT ME UP!

RRRGH

I... I WAS ONLY KIDDIII-IIING!

WE'RE GONNA WORK ON YOUR FIELDING!

YOU'RE COMING WITH ME!

W-WHAT, REALLY?!

JUST STOP IT!

WAHYO!

STOP IT WITH YOUR BODY! STOP IT WITH YOUR FACE!

QUIT RUNNIN' AWAY FROM THE BALL!

BASEBALL AIN'T JUST A GAME, KID!

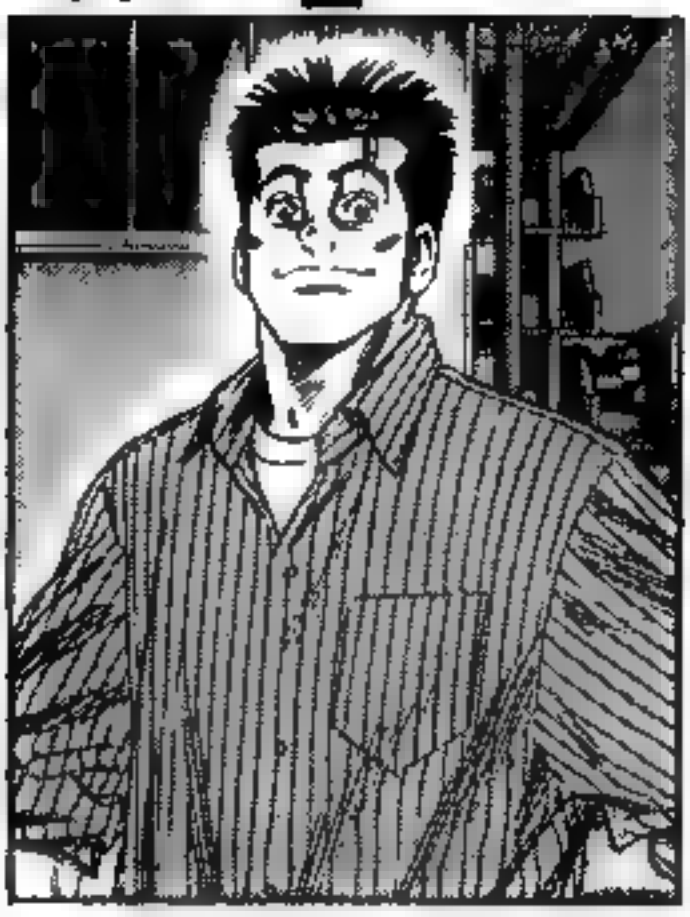
NOW LET'S GET THIS STRAIGHT! I'M NOT PUNISHING YOU FOR MAKING AN ERROR! I'M PUNISHING YOU FOR LYING!

SHUT UP!

THIS ISN'T OUTFIELD PRACTICE!

DOHOH!

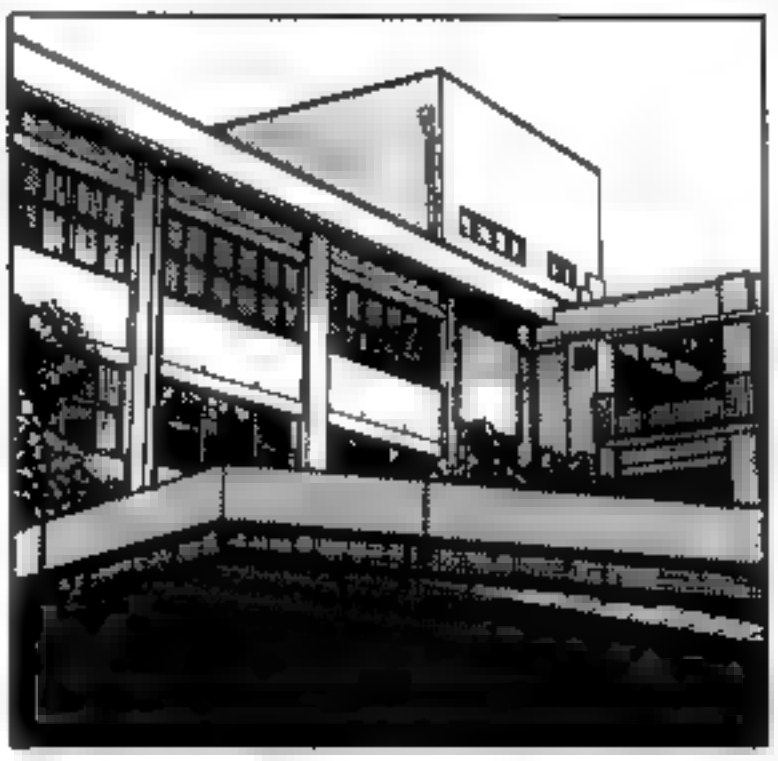
HERE COMES ANOTHER ONE!







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Sign: Baseball Club



HOW COME I'M NOT THE ACE?!

WHAT'S THIS 11 NONSENSE ABOUT?!

WHY ?!

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YOU'RE YOUNGER, THAT'S ALL.

IT'S SIMPLE SENIORITY.

SENIORITY ...?

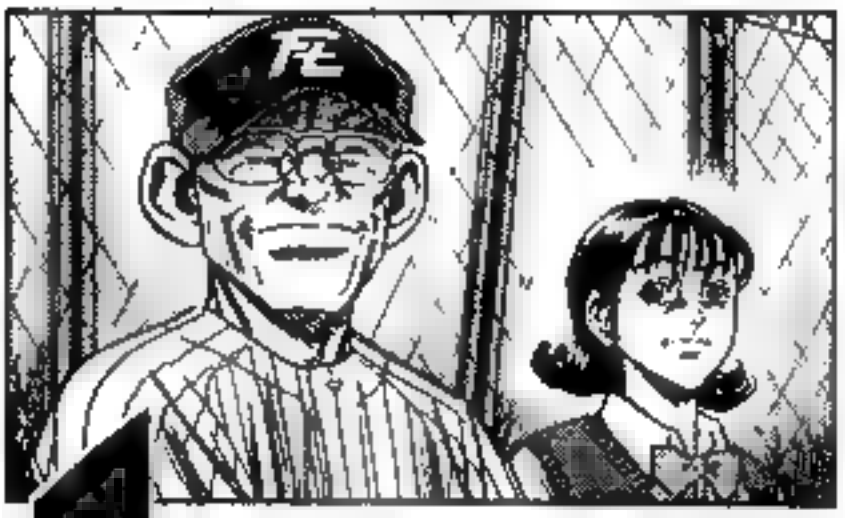
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DAMN...

T-THEN MAYBE IT'S ME...

BA-BUMP BA-BUMP BA-BUMP


Y-YOU MEAN IT?!
WAKE UP, KID!




YOU'RE IN THE STARTING LINEUP TODAY.
C'MON, HAMANAKA, LET'S GO.
HUH?




LET'S DO THIS, PEOPLE!!
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森田まさのり

Hitoshi Matsumoto is funny. I think he's made me laugh more and harder than anyone else in the world. His very concept of humor is funny. I'm sure that if you looked into his head, you would find an infinite number of words and formulas, arranged so that he can instantly calculate whatever the funniest combination would be at any moment. You might call him a genius; how funny can you get through effort alone? Someday, I'd like to draw a story about people in search of laughs. I've actually already got the main character's face and the title picked out, but I don't know when I'll eventually get a chance to show them. It's a theme I'd love to draw before I die.

(Note: This eventually became Morita's next manga, Beshari Gurashi.)

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Finally, the preliminary regional tournaments that will lead to the Summer Koshien have begun. The Nikogaku Nine are pumped and ready for their first-round opponent. But society had not forgotten the wicked deeds of their past. Can Nikogaku withstand the hatred and harassment that assaults them from the internet?

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DRAGON BALL 1～42
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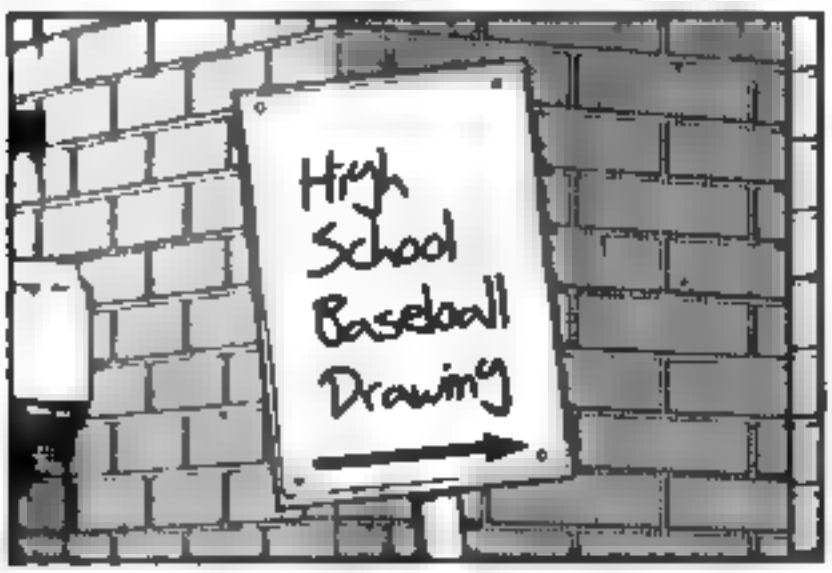




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A Wise Man Changes His Mind, A Fool Never




High School Baseball Drawing




EASTERN BLOCK
FUTAKOTAMAGAWA ACADEMY


NEXT?



NIKOGAKU?!

HUH..?

THE ONE AND ONLY?

LET'S SEE, FUTAKO.

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WHAT?! THEY'RE ALLOWED TO PLAY ALREADY?

MURMUR

THE GUYS WHO...

HEAR THAT? NIKO-GAKU.

MURMUR

D-DON'T LET IT BOTHER YOU.

YEAH, I'M FINE.

WE KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN.

.....

CLICK

?

HUH?

?

MEOW

!

WHAA-AAAA-AA-?!

NO, NO, NO! DON'T GIVE ME YOUR EXCUSES!

B-BUT I ONLY FOUND THEM THIS MORNING .. THE POOR THINGS, I COULDN'T LEAVE THEM HELPLESS..

WHAT DO YOU EVEN DO AT THIS SCHOOL?!

S-SIR, THIS ISN'T WHAT YOU THINK. .

HAVE YOU BEEN RAISING CATS IN MY SCHOOL?!

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON HERE?!

.....

THEY'RE SO ADOR-ABLE.

MEOW

B-BUT I MUST AT LEAST FIND SOMEONE TO TAKE THEM! HOW ABOUT A LITTLE KITTY, MR. PRINCIPAL?

BE CAREFUL, SIR!

UHHHH, MY STOMACH...

WAIT! KITTY-CHAN!

MEOW

.....

I'M SORRY

I CAN'T ACTUALLY FATHOM THE THOUGHT OF A MAN LIKE *YOU* BEING HIRED AS A TEACHER!

WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE CREATED BY FOLLOWING YOUR EXAMPLE?!

I CAN'T TAKE IT.

MY STOMACH KILLS ME EVERY SINGLE TIME YOU DO SOMETHING.

WHY DOES THE PRINCIPAL SEEM TO HAVE IT IN FOR KAWATO-KUN SO BADLY, THOUGH?

I'M SURE HE DESERVES EVERY INSULT.

IS KAWATO-KUN BEING YELLED AT AGAIN?

.....

BUT WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ANYTHING?

HE JUST CARES TOO MUCH ABOUT HIS NIECE, MAYUMI-SENSEI. GOT TO WATCH OUT FOR HER.

MWEH HEH HEH HEH.

OH, QUITE A BIT, I FEEL.

KRR...

THE FILTHY RAT..

HA HA HA, GOSH..

UHHHH, R-REALLY ..?

Y-YOU FOUND OUT, THEN.

YOU'VE GOT RIE . ER, AHEM, MAYUMI-SENSEI PREPARING YOUR LUNCH EVERYDAY?

AND WHAT ARE THESE RUMORS I'M HEARING?

B-98.

Koba Academy High School...

Futako-tamagawa Academy High School.

MURMUR

ARE YOU SERIOUS?

TOKO-CHAN...

WHAT? NIKO-GAKU?!

IT'S NIKOGAKU.

BA-BUMP BA-BUMP

Next...

COME ON, DON'T LET THEM IN!

WHAT IF WE HAVE TO PLAY THEM?

I DON'T WANNA DIE.

SHIT

MURMUR

NIKOGAKU'S PLAYING TOO?

NO WAY!

FORGET ABOUT NIKOGAKU.

I'M SURPRISED THEY HAD THE NERVE TO SHOW UP

OUGHTA BE KICKED OUT FOR GOOD.

GO HOME.

SHUT UP!

THINK SHE'LL DO ME IF I ASK HER?

I BET THEY PASS HER AROUND LIKE THE TOWN BIKE

IS THAT THEIR MANAGER?

Futako-tamagawa Academy High School.

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B-22.

H-HUH? WHAT .?

.....

DAMN...

KHH...

HEY, SHE'S FROM NIKO-GAKU...

WHISPER

I'M GOING TO STOP IN THE LADIES' ROOM.

HEH HEH

THAT WAS CLOSE. I NEARLY LOST IT.

YOU LOOKED GREAT THOUGH, TOKO-CHAN.

キィ!

WHISPER
WHISPER

ヒュー

HELLO?

RIGHT, WASN'T TODAY THE LOT DRAWING?

OH, FROM THE BASEBALL TEAM?

HUH? WHAT? KAWATO?

STOP CRYING! I CAN'T TELL WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU HAD THE GUTS TO SHOW YOUR DUMB FACES AND DISGRACE YOURSELVES FURTHER.

WHY NOT GIVE UP AND FORFEIT? IT'D PROBABLY SAVE US FACE IN THE LONG RUN.

.....

WELL, I DON'T BLAME THEM. IT'S A REFLECTION OF THE MISTAKES YOU MADE.

LET ME GUESS: THEY MADE A BIG FUSS ABOUT THE THUG SCHOOL, DIDN'T THEY?

OUCH!

I'LL BE PRAYING WE GET KNOCKED OUT OF THE TOURNAMENT QUICKLY.

NO GOOD'S GOING TO COME OF THIS.

HAH.

AH, I SEE.. YEAH.

IS THAT YAGI? EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?

.....

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE TAKING ALL OF THIS SERIOUSLY

.....

TAKE CARE ON THE WAY HOME.

OKAY, GOOD WORK

NO! NO, KAWATO-KUN!

.....

URR-RGH!

H-HEY! W-WHAT...

BUT *NO ONE* HAS THE RIGHT TO DENY THEIR FUTURE OVER IT!

THAT THEY WILL BE FORCED TO BEAR THE STIGMA UNTIL THEY GRADUATE IS UNDENIABLE!

SUFFERING INSULTS OVER THE PAST ACTIONS OF THE TEAM WILL BE UNAVOIDABLE, I'M SURE.

DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND?!

AND YOUR WORDS ARE NOT THE WORDS OF A TEACHER WHO HAS WATCHED THEIR PROGRESS OVER THE PAST YEAR!

AND THEY FEEL THE WEIGHT OF ALL THE HARD WORK THEY HAVE PUT INTO THOSE ACHIEVEMENTS!

THEY KNOW THE VALUE OF EFFORT NOW!

THEY HAVE LEARNED THE JOYS OF STRIVING FOR GOALS AND DREAMS!

THEY WILL NOT MAKE THOSE MISTAKES AGAIN!

KAWATO-SENSEI...

I WILL NOT STAND TO HEAR YOU INSULT THEM.

.. YOU OUGHT TO LOOK AT IT LONG AND HARD

EVEN IF IT IS THE ONLY MERIT TO THEIR ENTIRE PERSON.

EVERY HUMAN BEING HAS HIS STRENGTHS.

EVERY ONE..

AND NOBODY CAN DENY THAT

.....

.....

SEE? NOW THE FUTURE IS BRIMMING WITH HOPE.

A-AA-AA-AH!

MEOW

MEOW

MEOW

M-MR. PRINCIPAL!

KITTIE-EES!

WHEWW

I WILL HELP YOU FIND A HOME FOR THESE CATS.

HE'S STILL GOT A WAYS TO GO, THOUGH!

WE NEVER SAW THE GOOD SIDE OF THIS BIG BRUTE OF A SLOB BEFORE, DID WE, KITTY?

MEOW

MEOW

OOH, THERE, THERE.

UMMMM, REALLY? WHY THE CHANGE OF HEART?

HUH.. ?

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YOU HAFFFFF...

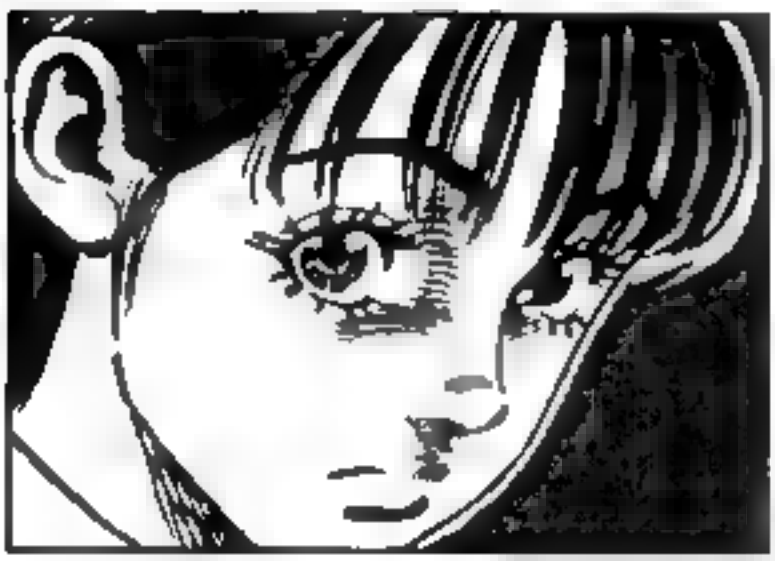

HUH?


I MEAN. .


WHAT ARE YOU SO ANGRY ABOUT?
WIN SO BAD THAT THE ENTIRE CITY GETS TURNED UPSIDE DOWN!


...TO WIN, OKAY?


WHOA, OKAY, KIDDING!
DON'T SLAP ME!




IT'S NOT LIKE I NEEDED YOUR INSISTENCE TO KICK SOME ASS.
WE'RE GONNA KICK ALL KINDS OF ASS.
ALL KINDS.
SO LET ME HIT THAT

C'MON, JUST ONE MORE!

ONE MORE!

I FORGOT TO SLIP YOU THE TONGUE!

GET AWAY!

EWWW, GROSS!

OOOF!

FGGH.

YOU HAVE TO WIN!

YOU HAVE TO!

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Video Love Letter

TOMORROW!

IT STARTS TOMORROW!

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OUR VERY FIRST OFFICIAL GAME...

THE FIRST ROUND OF THE REGIONAL PRELIMINARIES FOR THE SUMMER NATIONAL TOURNAMENT!

MIKO-SHIBA-KUUUN!

GOOD LUCK, ANIYA-KUN!

HEY, THE BASE-BALL TEAM.

MORNING.

GOOD MORNING!

HEY, GOOD LUCK TOMOR-ROW!

WE'RE GONNA GO WATCH YOU GUYS!

OUR SUMMER!

..STARTS TOMORROW!!

THINGS DIDN'T USED TO BE LIKE THIS.

SO MUCH FOR THE TERROR OF THE BASEBALL TEAM.

THEY'RE JUST TALKIN'.

NO, THEY WON'T IT'S DURING SCHOOL.

T-THEY SAID THEY WOULD COME TO SEE US! WE'RE LIKE... POPULAR!

WE'RE GONNA GO AND WATCH!

TOMORROW, RIGHT?

HEY, BASEBALL!

MAKE IT TO THE KOSHIEN!

GOOD LUCK, ANIYA-KUN!

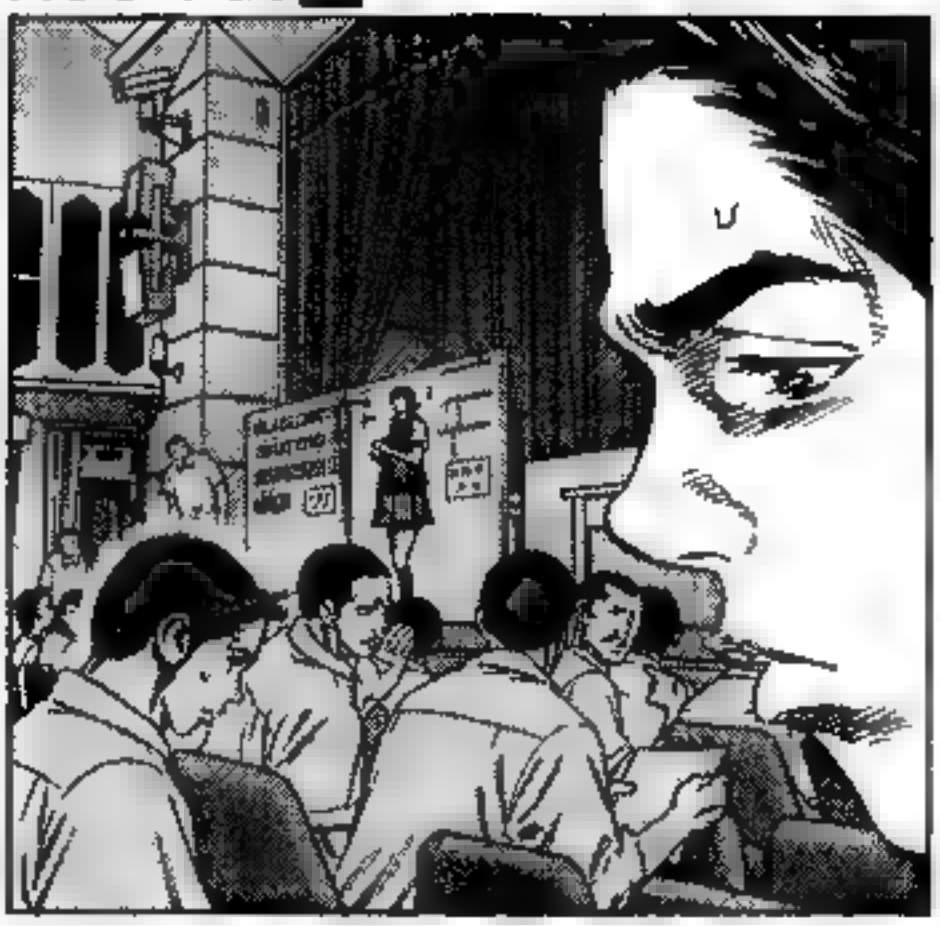
SHUT UP, THE WHOLE LOTTA YA!

HIRA-TSUKA'S GONNA BE THERE, TOO?!

SHINJO-KUUN!

YOU AND YOU! I REMEMBER YOUR FACES! I'M HOLDING YOU TO THAT!

WHAT?! SHUT UP!






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KYA HA HA HA!
キャー
御子柴


NO I DON'T!
SHUT UP! HE MAY LOOK CUTE TO YOU, BUT HE WRESTLES WITH HIS PORNO VIDEOS EVERY NIGHT!


YOU'RE HOT, MIKO-SHIBA-SENPAI!
GOOD LUCK!
MIKO-SHIBA-KUN!
キャー
ANSWER THE CALLS.
IT'S COOL...


KINDA.
W-WERE PEOPLE REALLY AFRAID OF THE BASEBALL TEAM?

IT'S JUST WHAT I WANTED.
TOKO-CHAN'S GOT SOME KINDA LUCK.
I'M AMAZED WE MANAGED TO PICK THE SCHOOL WE DID FOR THE FIRST ROUND

GREETINGS, MR. VICE PRINCIPAL!

WHOA!

KAWATO-KUN, ARE YOU IN HERE?

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Sign: Men's Changing Room

MWAHA-HAHA!

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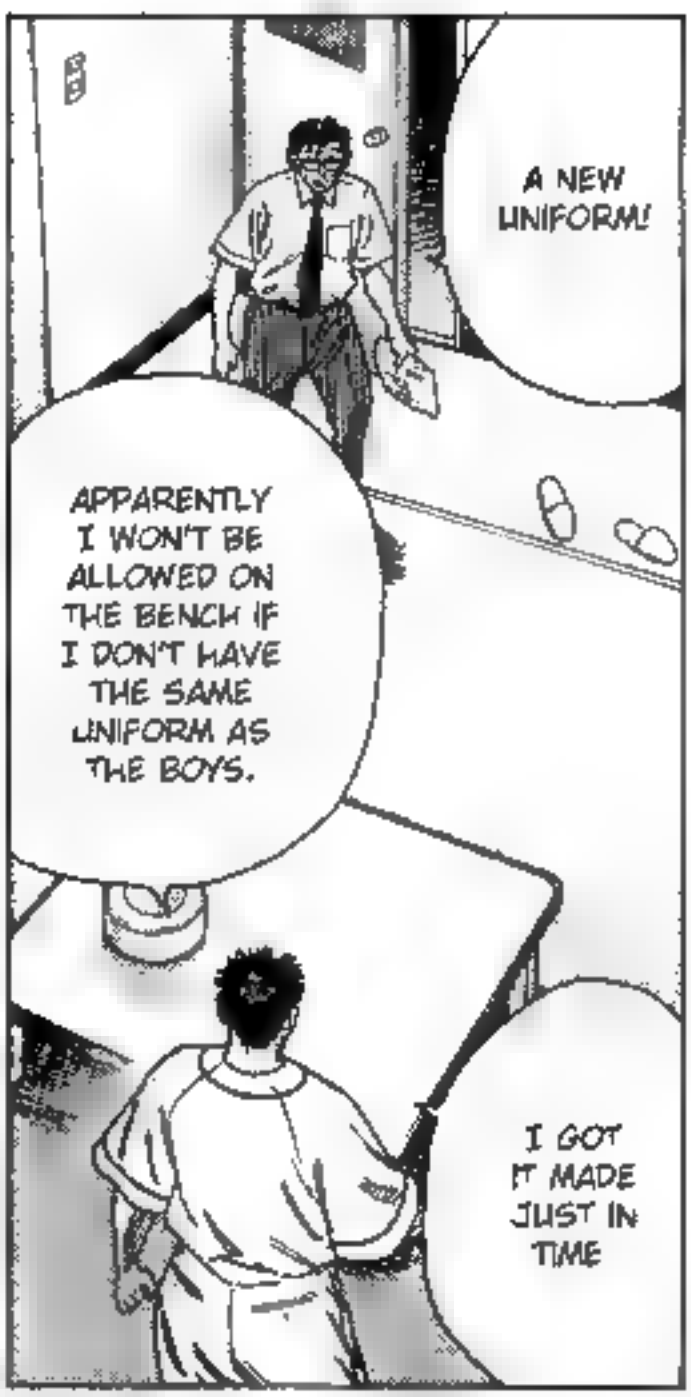
MWA-HAHA.

TADADADA-DAAHH!

FT!

WHAT DO YOU THINK?


I THINK THE PIN-STRIPES LOOKED BETTER ON HIM...
TADADADA-DAAHH! FT!
WHAT DO YOU THINK?


A NEW UNIFORM!
APPARENTLY I WON'T BE ALLOWED ON THE BENCH IF I DON'T HAVE THE SAME UNIFORM AS THE BOYS.
I GOT IT MADE JUST IN TIME


〒158-0094
NOW WHY WOULD TOMORROW'S OPPONENT SEND US THIS?


OH, RIGHT! THIS CAME TODAY
FOR ME?


TDK
HS120
Legend (The Men Who Live By the Ball)


AND WHO IS TOMORROW'S OPPONENT ?


?

How ya'll doin' this fine day?

Well, h'lo there, Nikogaku folks!

.....

THERE, THERE, SIR!

WHY ARE YOU WATCHING THIS IN *MY* OFFICE?!

It's your old friend!

Kuni-matsu, from Yoga Daiichi!

HOW LONG IS HE GONNA KEEP WEARING THAT FAKE-ASS CAST?

HE'S LYIN' THROUGH HIS TEETH!

Aftа months of agony from your terrible abuse, my poor neck is all ship shape agin.

Seein' as the doctohs told me my life was in terrible danger, I'm mighty proud of beatin' this injry.

I's certinly lookin fowabd to seein' y all in the first round up ahead.

You folks makin' it to the secon' round on your own be like a dream within a dream within a dream within anotha dream.

After all, the first roun's the only place we'd even git ta see ya!

W-WOULD YOU STOP THAT?

GET OUTTA THAT VIDEO!

YOU'RE GONNA GET IT!

FUCK YOU, DICK!

WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?!

WHA...

I don't CARE how obvious the outcome may be, we ain't a-goin' easy on ya. Our sights are on a champunship.

Due to a clerical erra', we put out our first-year boys last time 'round, but this time it'll be our startin' upperclassmen.

WHAT'S HIS DEAL?

UH... ALL OUR RECORDS ARE HIGHER

We got monsters that toss a ball 113 meters, run a 50 in 5.9 seconds, and giants that can pull a 220.

They's runnin' a special on us, abee bee bee!

For more details, you c'n consult Musashino TV's "Hello Summer Boys" program at 1 PM this Wednesday.

Oops, curse my lips! I gone and said too much.

PUT IT ON THE MUSA-SHINO TV CHANNEL!

STOP THE VIDEO, STOP!

WHOA, IT'S ALREADY ON!

WEDNESDAY? THAT'S TODAY..

W-WHAT? ON TV...?

HE JUST WANTED TO SHOW OFF HIS TV APPEARANCE...

HOO HOO! I'M 'ONNA BE ON TV!

"CRACK"

Rah-hh!

WE'RE GONNA BE A MAJOR NAME AROUN' THE COUNTRY!

KUNIMATSU-SENSEI, THE SHOW IS STARTING!

Sign: Yoga Daiichi High School

WELL, IT'S ABOUT DURN TIME!

YEAH, YEAH, WE KNOW ALL DAT! JUST GIT TA US!

The local preliminaries have begun, and the competition is fierce at selected parks around the city.

This year, Tokyo will pit 140 schools in its East Sector, and 127 in the West.

I hurt my shoulder a bit in the spring, but I'm fine now. I refuse to give anything short of my best...

Last year's runner-up, Shimotakaido High's pitcher Kanemura-kun boasts a 144 km/h fastball and a healthy arm.

Let's take a look at some upcoming highlights.

OH BOY, OH BOY.

HERE WE GOOOO!

Municipal Tanishige High has a solid pitching staff of eleven that wants to get through the tournament without allowing a run.

We're confident [redacted] when we need to...

WHO CARES ABOUT THIM! GET TA US!

Let's talk with his coach, Mr. Oishi.

I think the batting order is the pride of our team this year...

HERE WE IS!!

Spirits are high after a campus renovation.

!

As for Yoga Daiichi High...

I CAN'T WAIT FER IT!

MAN, WHEN IT'S GONNA BE OUR TURN?

BA-BUMP, BA-BUMP

Next, Yoshitake Jitsugyo High marks their hundredth anniversary this year...

HUH.

THAT'S IT?

MAN, WHO CARES ABOUT ALL THAT?

The student body held a flowing noodle ceremony under the bright blue sky to celebrate.

It was delicious.

WHAT HAPPIND TO ALL THAT FOOTAGE THEY SHOT OF US?!

TH... THIS CAIN'T BE HAPPENIN'!

THAT'S ALL?! REALLY?!

OH MY GOD, MY STO-MACH IS KILLING ME!

IT DIDN'T EVEN HAVE ANY BASEBALL!

IT WAS DELICIOUS!

GYA HA HA HA HA HA HA!

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Their probation from official play has ended in time for this competition.

Futakotamagawa Academy and their infamous brawl game in last spring's tournament.

HE WAS BRAGGIN' TO US ABOUT THIS?!

BWA HA HA HA!

OH MY GOD! THIS IS TOO GOOD!

And we're sure you all remember...

A black mark that shall forever remain on the history of high school sports.

It was an unspeakable, unthinkable act.

But let's all hope that such a shameful display will never...

Debate might continue over whether they should be allowed to play or not, but the fact remains that their punishment is over.

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NOW WE JUST HAVE TO SHOW THEM HOW WE PLAY.

WE'VE DONE ALL WE CAN DO.

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HEY.

THOSE WHO PUT THE WORK IN WILL BE RECOGNIZED FOR IT

DON'T GIVE US YOUR USUAL CRAP! WE ALREADY KNOW FOLKS CAN SEE THE PRODUCT OF HARD WORK!

WE ALL KNOW WHAT PEOPLE THINK ABOUT US...

YOU AIN'T THINKIN' WE'RE *UPSET* ABOUT THAT SHIT ON THE TV, ARE YOU?

HUH?

ガオ!!!

JUST YOU WATCH, WORLD! WE'RE GONNA MAKE YOU RECOGNIZE!

DON'T FUCK WITH NIKOGAKU, BITCHES!

YEAAAH, NIKOGAKU, YEAH!

YEAH, GUYS ..

SENPAI?

OKAY, GUYS! NOW SWEAR TO YOUR SENPAI!

SWEAR THAT YOU WILL BRING YOUR SENPAI VICTORY!

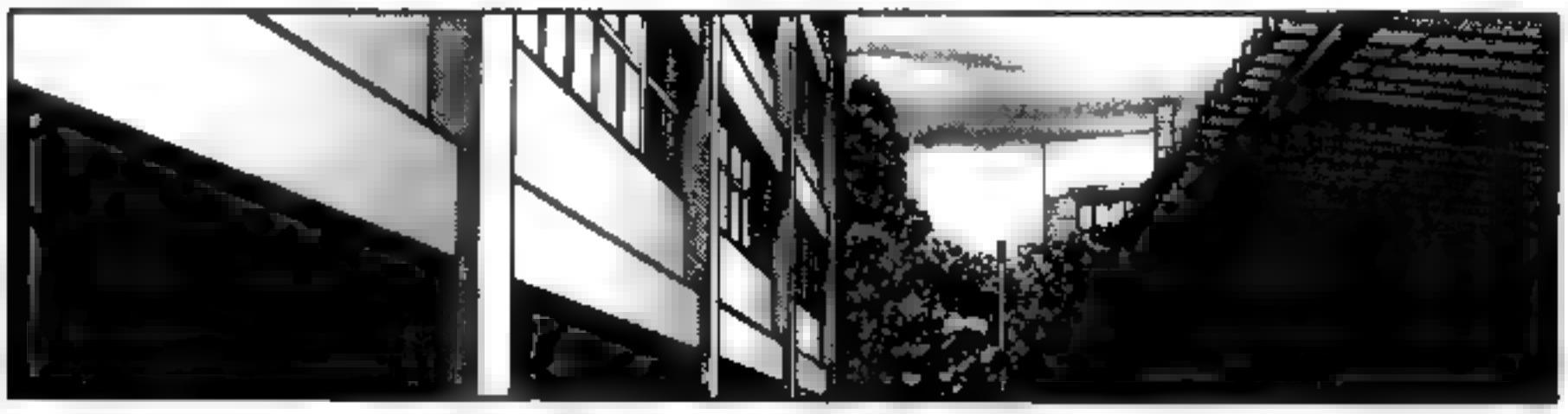
AND A RETURN TO THE GLORY OF THE PAST!

Fourteenth Principal, Yoshio Murayama April 1997 - November 2000

LOOK UP ABOVE YOU, FOOLS!

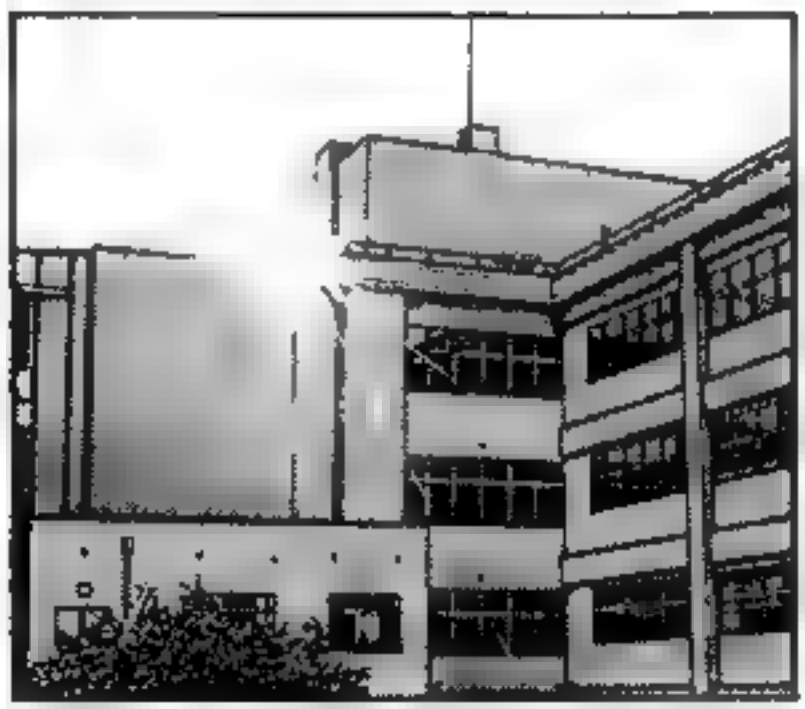
THE GREAT SENPAI WHO OVERSAW THE GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT IN NIKOGAKU BASEBALL TO DATE!


DON'T PRAY TO HIM!
NO, NO, NO! STOP THAT, HE'S NOT DEAD!











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Nikogaku Debut

I'M SURE TODAY'S GAME WILL BE A BLOWOUT, BUT WE'LL HAVE TO SEE FOR OURSELVES.

WE'VE TOLD THE PLAYERS TO BE TIGHT AND CAREFUL, THOUGH.

WE'RE LOOKING AT THE THIRD ROUND AS OUR FIRST REAL TEST.

WELL, TODAY IS MORE LIKE A SIMPLE WARM-UP

OKAA-AAY!

I'M REAL BUSY

WAS THAT GOOD ENOUGH?

OKAY, GET STARTED ON FIELDING PRACTICE

YEAH, YOU TELL 'EM!

YES SIR!

LOVE HOW YA SOUND SO CONFADINT

LOOKIN' GREAT, COACH! PERFECK!

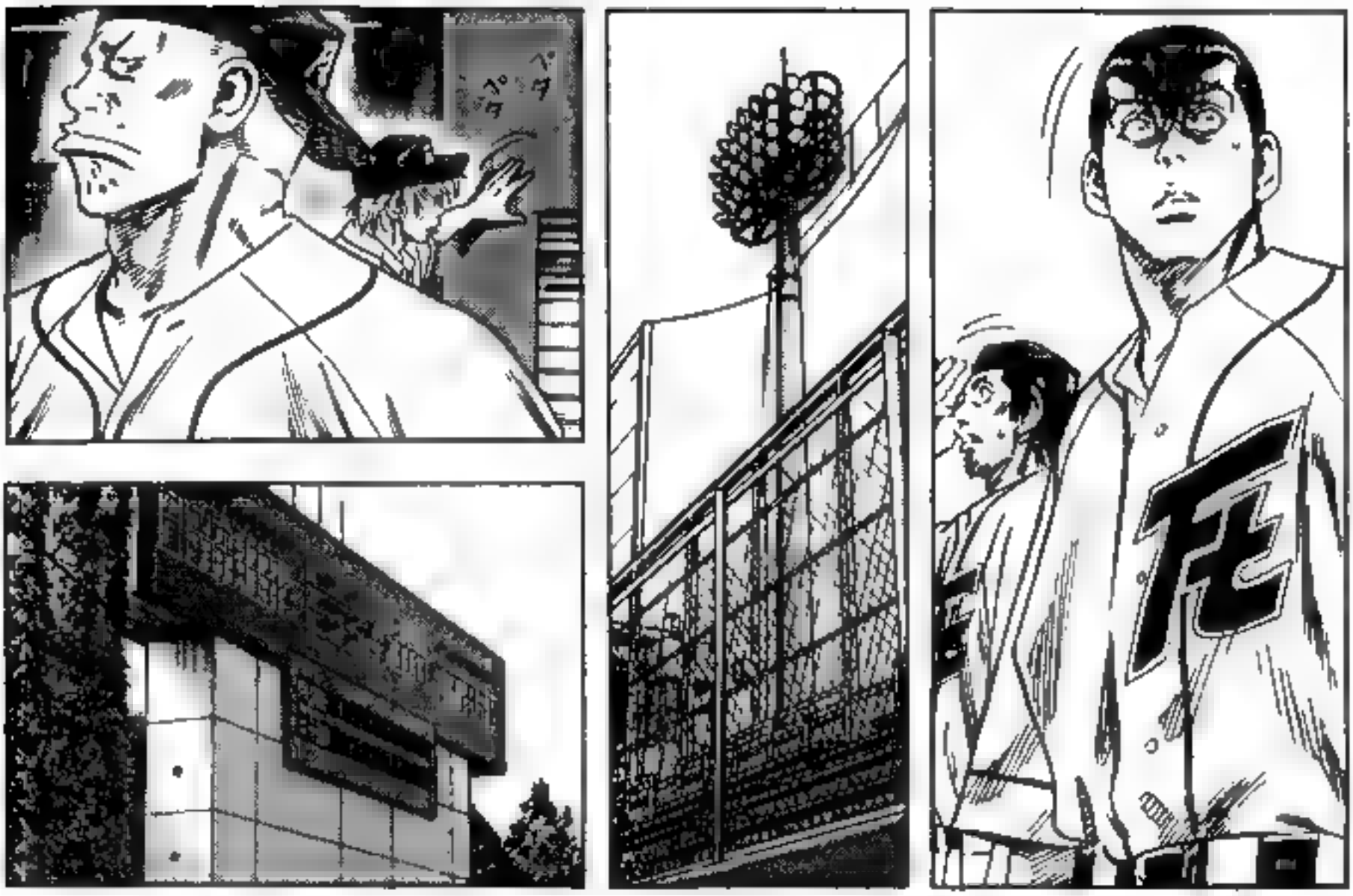
AH, THERE THEY IS.

HMM?

Yaga Daiichi High, please start your fielding practice. You have seven minutes.

WHOA.

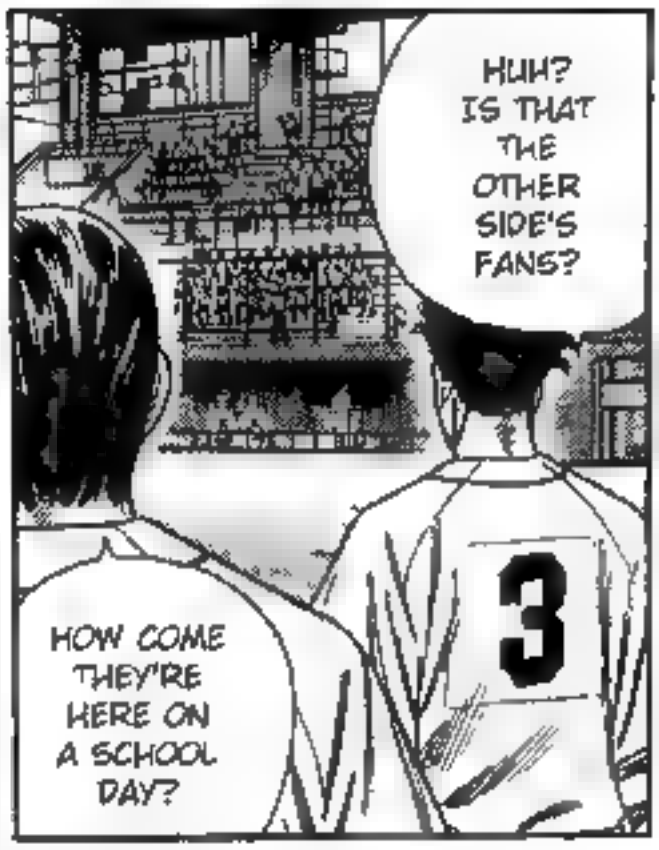
HERE WE ARE




NOW I'M WONDERING. .


.WHY ARE THERE SO FEW PEOPLE HERE?


HUH?! TSUBOI!
HEY, WAKANA!
YABU!
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HUH? IS THAT THE OTHER SIDE'S FANS?
HOW COME THEY'RE HERE ON A SCHOOL DAY?
3


THERE'S A BUNCHA MORE PEOPLE ON THE WAY
GYAHAHA! WHAT ARE YOU GIVIN' A SHIT ABOUT CLASS FOR?!


WHAT ABOUT CLASS?!
W-WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOIN' HERE?




OH SHIT!
.....
?








LET'S START UP THAT NIKOGAKU STORM WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT!
HERE WE GO! THE TIME HAS COME! IT'S A NONSTOP RACE TO THE KOSHIEN, BOYS!


!?
THIS IS OUR FIRST ROUND OPPONENT.


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GO, NIKOGAKU, GO!
HELL YEAHHHH!

YOU CALL US SMALL-TIME?

HEY, WHAT THE HELL'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

AAAND CUT.

THEY'S A SMALL-TIME TEAM, THE TYPE THAT ONLY GOT SPIRIT ON THEIR SIDE, LIKE YA JUST SAW.

OF COURSE, ALL-ROUN' THEY AIN'T MUCH TA SPEAK OF.

NAAAAHA HA HA H

WHOA-
AA!

WHOAAA, WAY OUTTA HERE! ALMOST GOT THE SCORE-BOARD!

YEAH, AKABOSHI, YEAAAAH!

HOT DAMN, OFF THE SCREEN AGAIN!

ANIYA-AAA!

WHOAAAA! GONE AGAIN! ANOTHER BOMB!

THREE STRAIGHT BLASTS OFF THE CENTERFIELD SCOREBOARD!

BACK-TO-BACK-TO-BACK!

GYA HA HA HA HA!

YEAAAAH! NIKOGAKU YEAAAAH!

DUDE, THIS IS CRAZY! WE ARE CRAZY GOOD!

WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON?!

!

MURMUR

MURMUR

MURMUR

NO NO NO NO NO! THERE MUST BE SOME KINNA MISTAKE!

THIS ISN'T WHAT YOU PROMISED IT WOULD BE LIKE, KUNIMATSU-SAAAN!

UHH. .

AND IS THAT AKABOSHI THE SAME AKABOSHI FROM FUTAKO THIRD MIDDLE SCHOOL?

W-WAS NIKOGAKU. . ALWAYS THIS GOOD. ?

WHAT'S HE DOING AT NIKOGAKU.. ?

HOW CAN IT BE?

HOW...

STRIKE THREE, BATTER OUT!

EXCELLENT!

FORGET ABOUT THE GOLDURN VIDEO!

CON-SAR-NIT!

GRR.

OH, DAMN IT ALL..

W-WHAT IS IT, SIR?

YOU! GIT OVER HEAH!

THIS IS TURNIN' INTO A NIKOGAKU VIDEO.


AIN'T YOU MAD, YOU BIG SISSY?!
I DON'T CARE WHERE, JUST MAKE IT HURT.
B-BUT. .
WHAAA ?!
HIT 'EM.
Player [redacted] Futakotamagawa Academy.
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. . . . . .


THASS IT! RIGHT INNIS FACE!!
AND WHEN YOU PLAY DIRTY, YOU GIT WHAT'S COMIN'. .
THEY'S PULLIN' SOME LOW TRICKS BEHIN' THE SCENES.
NIKO-GAKU AIN'T THIS GOOD. .
BAH, DIRTY TACTICS DON'T EVEN ENTER INTA IT. THERE'S SOME KINNA MISTAKE...
BUH!

OH, NOT THE FACE!

NO, WAIT...

LOOK OUT .

GOOD !!

HELL YEAAA-AAAH!

IT BOUNCED OFF THE TOP OF THE FOUL POLE!

WHAT THE FUUUU-UUCK?!

GAME OVER!

HOLY SHIT!

DID YOU SEE THAT? DID YOU SEE THAT?!

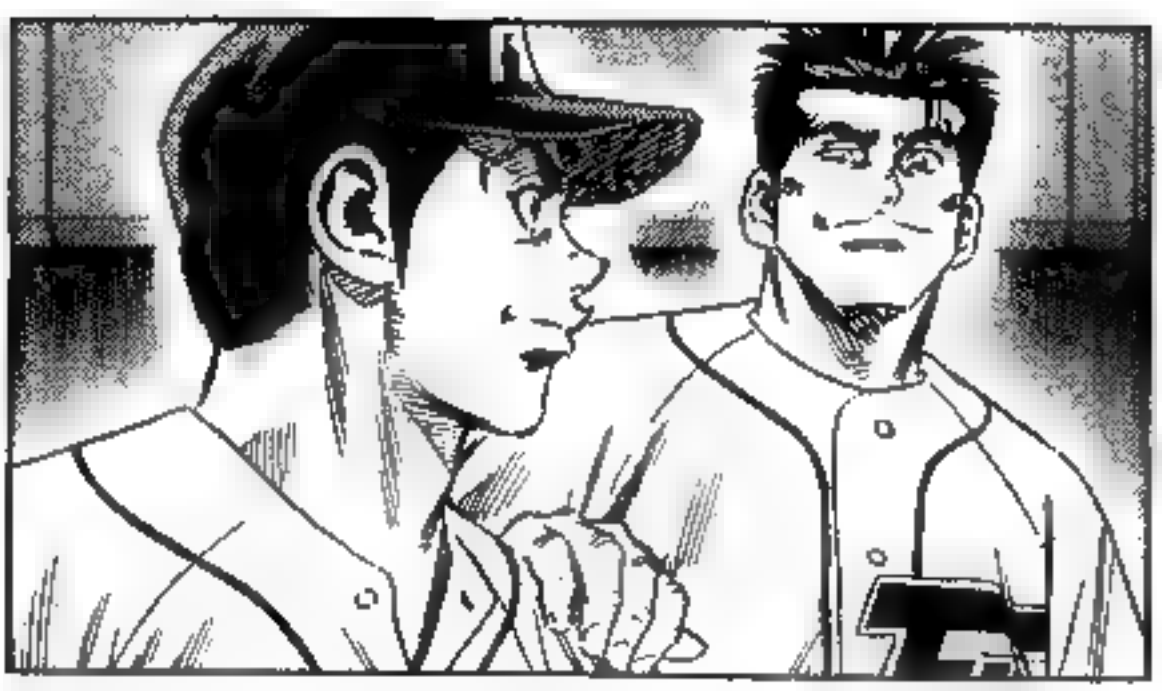
WHOA.

Game called in the sixth inning.

with Futakotamagawa Academy the winners. 10-0.

WHYYY-EEEE?!

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IT'S LIKE, SHOW US SOME LOVE, MEDIA.

NO PICTURES, EITHER.

GAME GOT CALLED!

AND MONISPO WAS THE ONLY PAPER TO EVEN MENTION US.

Three Straight Homers Off the Screen!!! (Futako-tamagawa)

WHY'S IT SO SMALL?

HIYAMA-KUN, YUFUNE-KUN, GOOD MORNING!

SHIT, AFTER BUYING THIS RAG, I DON'T EVEN FEEL THAT SPECIAL.

AIN'T CALLED GAMES KINDA THE NORM, FOR THE FIRST ROUND?

YEAH, THAT DON'T MEAN SHIT TO ME.

WHO CARES IF CHICKS THAT DON'T KNOW BASEBALL ARE EXCITED?

ESPARK

WE SAW THE GAME YESTERDAY YOU GUYS WERE AWESOME!

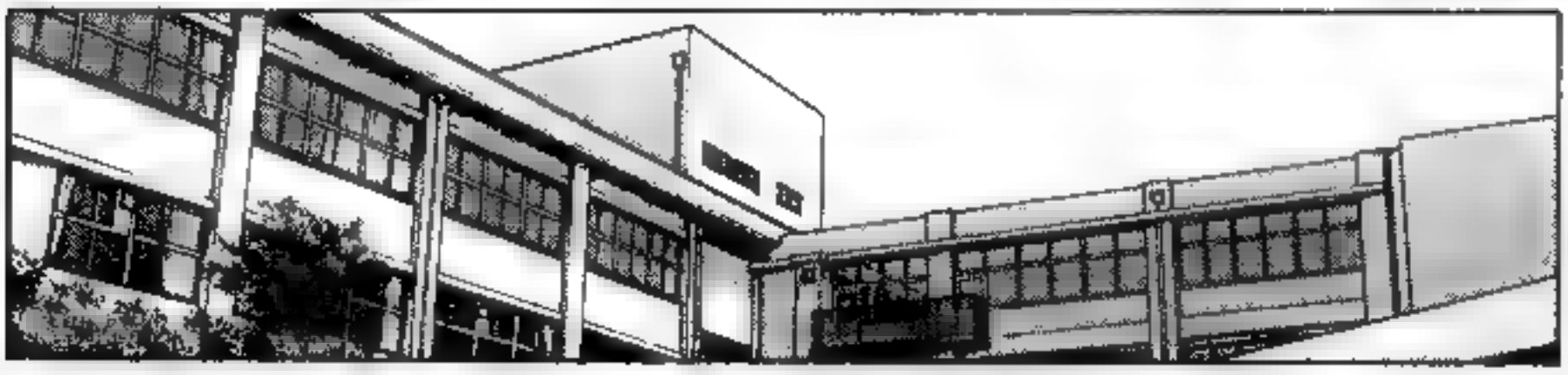
UH.. YEAH.

WIN THE NEXT ONE, TOO!


WHY ARE YOU SKIPPING ?!


OH, HEY.

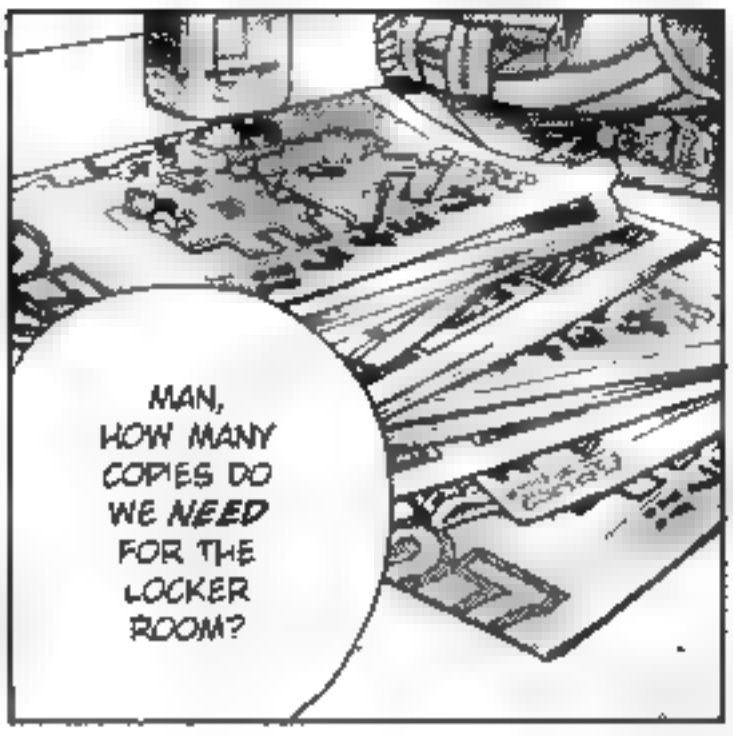

KEH...




YOU COULD AT LEAST SPEND ONE LINE TOUCHING ON THAT HUMBLE FACT!
I WAS THE ONE WHO WON THE GAME!
TAKE IT EASY, HIRACCHI.
YOU GOTTA IDENTIFY THE HERO! THE HERO IS ME!


YOU DID TOO?!
WHAT?! YOU GUYS BOUGHT MONISPO TOO?


DAMN, SCREW ALL THIS NOISE!


MAN, HOW MANY COPIES DO WE NEED FOR THE LOCKER ROOM?

"IS IT TOO EARLY YET TO SAY THAT THE REBORN FUTAKOTAMAGAWA ACADEMY IS POISED TO MAKE GREAT STRIDES?"

HEAR THERE? HE KNOWS WHAT'S UP

WHOEVER WROTE THIS STORY KNOWS THE SCORE, MAN.

BEFORE THE GAME, EVEN.

MAN, I WAS PRACTICING MY HERO INTERVIEW AND ALL, TOO!

The Awesome Strikeout Show Returns

MAN, I WISH WE GOT TREATMENT LIKE THIS, THOUGH.

THE AWESOME STRIKEOUT SHOW RETURNS...

THIS OKIHARA GUY'S GOT A PROMOTION IN THE FUTURE

YEAH, THESE PEOPLE GET PAID TO KNOW THE GAME.

HEY, WAIT A SEC.

MAN, THAT KINDA PISSES ME OFF.

OH YEAH?

THEY WON LAST YEAR'S TOURNAMENT. PEOPLE EXPECT A LOT FROM THEM.

SCREW THAT SHIT, TALK ABOUT THE ***RESULTS!***

. IN TODAY'S GAME?!

NOBODY CARES HOW GUYS ARE THINKING ***BEFORE*** THEY PLAY!

DON'T SWEAT THE STUFF IN THE FUTURE! FOCUS ON THE TASK AT HAND!

REALLY ?!

SHIT, ARE WE IN TROUBLE?

Yoga Daiichi
Futakotamagawa
Azuma Shogyo
Tonshimadamasu
Tanishige
Shimotakaido
Sasazaki
Yoshitake Jitsugyo
Sotokiba
Oshita

WE'RE PLAYIN' THESE GUYS IN THE ROUND AFTER NEXT.

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WHAT?

GOOD POINT. WHO *DO* WE PLAY NEXT?

S-SHUT UP, I JUST FORGOT! THAT'S ALL!

SEE? YOU DIDN'T KNOW, EITHER.

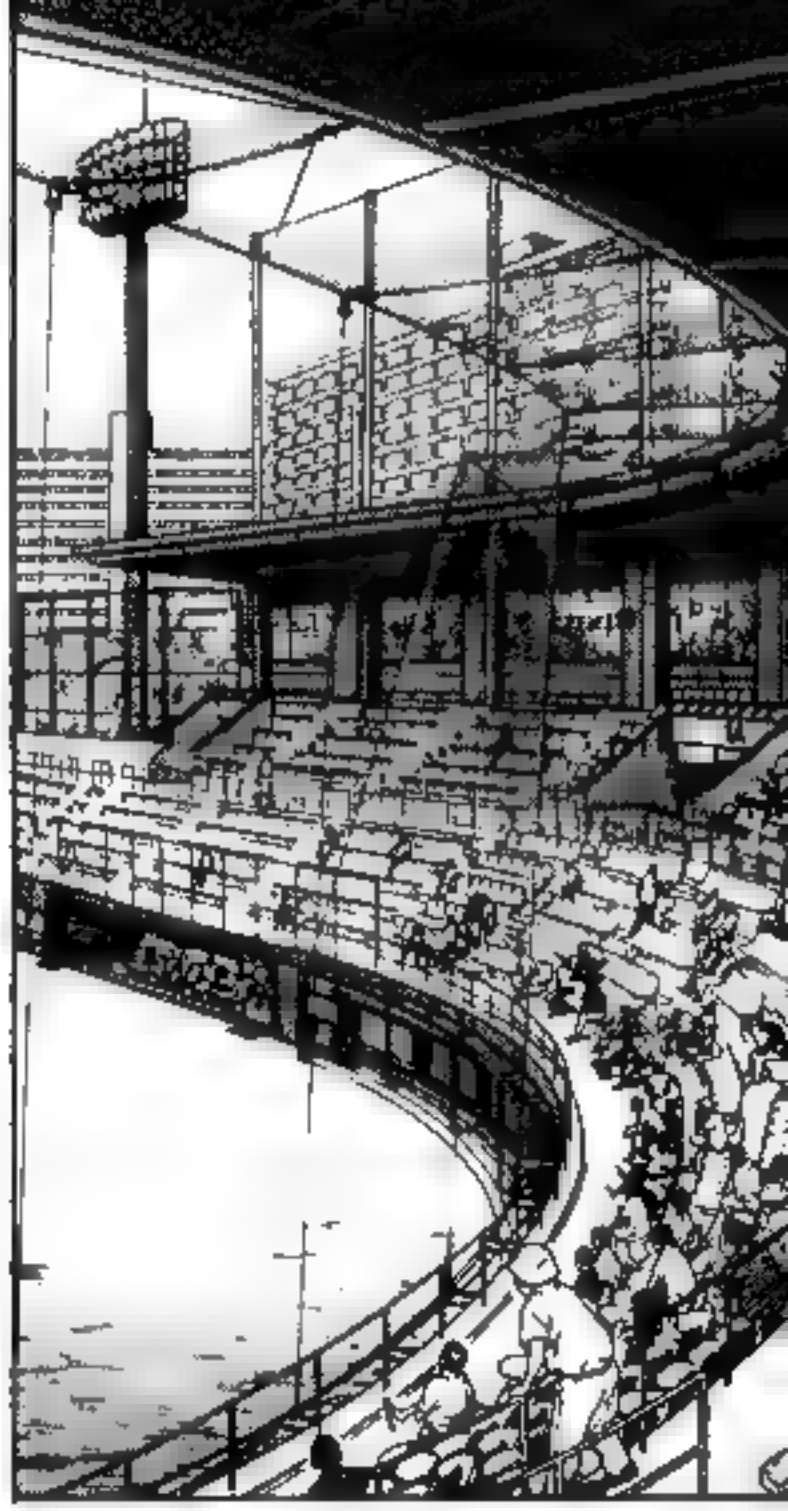
LET'S SEE...

EITHER AZUMA SHOGYO OR... TORISHIMADAMASU HIGH.

OH, RIGHT, THEY'RE PLAYING TODAY.

UMMM. .


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MAN, THERE'S ANOTHER RUN




THIS GAME IS NEVER GONNA FINISH


THIS IS SILLY. IT'S LIKE SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL.


YEAH! GO!
WHAT'S UP WITH GAMES LIKE THESE? DO YOU. .
SAY, YOSHI-SAN

TOO LATE OUTTA THE GATE, DAMN YOU.

RRGH.

YOSHI-SAN?!

NO..

AAAAH, DAMMIT!

Sign: Press

SUPERVISE? YOU DON'T EVEN DO *THAT!*

BESIDES, IT'S YOUR JOB TO DO THE WRITING I JUST SUPERVISE YOU.

MORE RACES? CAN'T YOU JUST DO YOUR JOB?

NOW YOU'RE JUST A LAZY, LUCKLESS GAMBLER.

GREAT. AT YOUR OLD JOB, YOU WERE A CRACK WRITER WHO PRACTICALLY FOUND STORIES IN HIS POCKET.

YOU WANT ***ME*** TO WRITE AN ARTICLE ON THIS PIECE-OF-SHIT GAME?

THE VERY FIRST HORSE RACING TICKET YOU BOUGHT FIVE YEARS AGO WON WITH 100-TO-1 ODDS.

YES, OF COURSE! HOW COULD I POSSIBLY FORGET!

OH PLEASE, KID I HAVE WON BEFORE.

カサ！

I'VE NEVER EVEN HEARD OF ANYONE GETTING INTO RACING IN HIS 50S.

AND YET SINCE YOU GOT THAT FIRST TASTE, YOU'VE BEEN BUYING LOSING TICKETS FOR FIVE YEARS STRAIGHT

SOUNDS LIKE BEGINNER'S LUCK TO ME.

YOU MEAN FOR NIKOGAKU!

AND WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT ARTICLE THIS MORNING?

I WATCHED THEIR GAME YESTERDAY, AND I'VE BEEN CONVERTED! I'M A FAN.

SHUT YER TRAP AGE GOT NOTHIN' TO DO WITH A MAN'S PASSIONS.

YOGA DAIICHI AIN'T NO SLOUCH OF A TEAM.

WHY WOULD THEY LOSE TO A TEAM OF FIRST-TIMERS?

WELL... BECAUSE THAT'S HOW GOOD NIKOGAKU IS, OF COURSE!

HOW COME NIKOGAKU WON?

HUH?

!

ISN'T IT POSSIBLE THAT YOGA MIGHT HAVE BEEN SO FREAKED OUT, THEY PLAYED EASY ON 'EM? WORST CASE SCENARIO, THEY WERE THREATENED

THEY'RE FORMER DELIN-QUENTS.

WHEW.

.....

IS... IS THAT RIGHT?

KCHK

THEY EVEN SAY THE COACH IS A ROOKIE.

HOW DID YOU LEARN ALL OF THIS, YOSHI-SAN?

PLUS, HE EVEN SOCKED THE PREVIOUS YOGA COACH IN THE R LAST MEETING.

YOU CAN'T WRITE REAL NEWS IF YOU ONLY BRUSH THE SURFACE.

UH, WELL . THE GAME .

WHAT EXACTLY DID YOU STUDY AND WATCH TO WRITE THAT GLOWING PIECE, KATSUNORI?

I GONNA FIND OUT THE TRUTH.

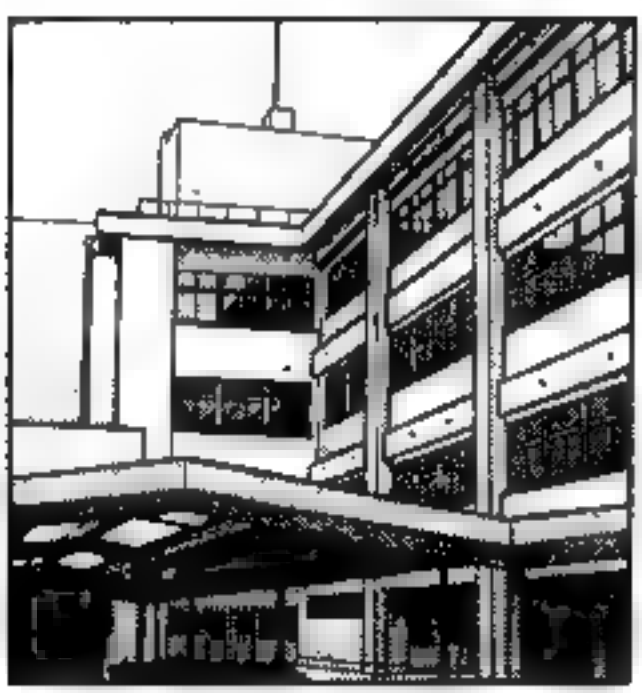
I WANNA KNOW IF THEY'RE FOR REAL OR NOT.

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HUH WHERE?!

LET'S GET GOING.

THE GAME'S NOT OVER YET





YO, WE'RE GETTIN' COVERED

WHAT, REALLY?

Minoru Yoshida

吉田実

Katsunori Okihara

沖原カツノリ

I AM COACH KOICHI KAWATO, AT YOUR SERVICE.

A PLEASURE.

HEY, THEY'RE LOOKIN' THIS WAY!

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THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO FIGHT, YOU GUYS!

THEY'RE WATCHING US!

GIMME THE BAT! I WANNA HIT; YOU PITCH TO ME!

HELL NO, I WAS FIRST!

.....

HA HA HA, THAT'S NOTHING NEW.

UHH, THEY SEEM TO BE QUARRELING ABOUT SOMETHING ..

HUH?!

CLICK

THE

APOLOGIZE! YOU APOLOGIZE TO THOSE MEDIA MEMBERS, RIGHT THIS INSTANT!

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT?!

OWWW, WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA! OKAY, OKAY, WE'RE SORRY!

THEY'RE HERE TO COVER US FOR THE NEWS!

UHH...

HEY, WHAT THE HELL YOU TAKIN' PICTURES OF US FOR?!

EEEK!

SHUT UP! KEEP ON LOOKIN' AND YOU'LL GET A FOOT IN YOUR FACE!

HA HA HA, GO CRAZY!

UH-OH, LOOKS LIKE THE BASEBALL TEAM IS FIGHTING AGAIN!

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HEE HEE!

OOH, THEY'RE ALL MAD NOW!

KYA HAHA HA!

YOUR HIPS ARE TOO HIGH OFF THE GROUND!

FURTHER FORWARD!

KEEP IT GOING!

C'MON, LET'S GET GOING!

THEY HAVE A REPUTATION OF BEING SCARY AND DISLIKED, DON'T THEY?

YESTERDAY'S VICTORY WAS PROOF OF THAT.

THEY UNDERSTAND THAT EVEN AS ROOKIES, THEIR HARD WORK WILL EVENTUALLY BE ACCEPTED AND LEAD TO GREAT THINGS.

BUT THEY DO HAVE GREAT MERITS.

AS YOU CAN SEE FOR YOURSELVES, THEY'RE STILL RASCALS.

I HEAR THAT YOU YOURSELF ARE RELATIVELY NEW TO THE GAME...

UH, COACH KAWATO, PARDON ME FOR ASKING, BUT...

.....

ISN'T THAT BIZARRE?

A MAN LIKE ME, COACHING A TEAM LIKE THIS.

I LEARNED THE RULES OF BASEBALL JUST LAST YEAR

.....

EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO CHASE THEIR DREAMS.

HOWEVER, WE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SLOW TO START, BUT OUR ENTHUSIASM IS AS GREAT AS ANY TEAM'S IN THE COUNTRY.

AGE AND EXPERIENCE HAVE NO BEARING ON A MAN'S PASSIONS.

YOU NEVER KNOW WHO WILL WIN UNTIL YOU PLAY.

CONTINUING IN OUR EFFORT IS THE KEY.

HM

.....

HEH HEH HEH! THAT'S RIGHT! CONTINUING IS THE KEY.

W-WHAT'S THE MATTER, YOSHI-SAN?

GAA-AA HA HA HA HA HA!!

HA HA HUH?

YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT A HORSE IS WORTH UNTIL SHE RUNS!

AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO KEEP BUYING THOSE RACING TICKETS.

PEOPLE ARE GONNA SAY A LOT OF THINGS.

UH...

R... RIGHT.

THAT'S HOW THE WORLD WORKS.

IT'S PASSION, KATSUNORI! PASSION!

W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOSHI-SAN? WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH THE RACES?!

HEH. KAWATO-SAN!

?

I'VE GOT THAT FEELING. THE KIND THAT ONLY COMES ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS.

BUT EVENTUALLY, THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO ANYMORE.

I'M GONNA KEEP MY EYE ON THIS TEAM.

IF PEOPLE WANNA TALK, LET 'EM TALK.







I really hate them FROM Taka DATE 2001/07/13/18.35

You can totally tell Nikogaku bribed them
I mean, Id be to scared to even play.
They shudnt let that scool play in the toumametn.

Game was fixed FROM Hitman DATE 2001/07/13/18.35

Nikogaku sux Nikogaku sux Nikogaku sux
cheaters cheaters cheaters cheaters cheaters cheaters
cheaters cheaters cheaters cheaters cheaters cheaters

No right to play . . FROM BACK DATE 2001/07/13/19:15

Go to hell Nikogaku! ur the worst!
...id guy wif the long hair sucks wat an idiot



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RESPONSE

GOOD LUCK IN TOMORROW'S GAME.

I'M SORRY THAT I CAN'T BE THERE TO CHEER, BUT YOU KNOW THAT MY HEART IS ALWAYS THERE WITH YOU.

HERE'S SOME NICE COLD TEA.

OH, THANKS.

...

HUH . .?

PLUS, I BELIEVE IN YOU, SENSEI.

DON'T LET ANYTHING BREAK YOUR WILL TO GO ON.

.....

UH. . I'M SORRY . WHAT?

HA HA...

?

Sign: Faculty Room

W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

I'M SO DISAP-POINTED IN YOU!

WOULD YOU REALLY GO THAT FAR JUST TO SHOW OFF TO FUJITA-SENSEI?!

YOU AND YOGA DAIICHI WERE IN ON THIS.

WHAT KIND OF DEAL DID YOU MAKE?

GET OVER HERE!

OW OW OW, WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?!

SOME OF THE STUDENTS ARE ALSO DISCUSSING THIS.

MR. VICE PRINCIPAL...

DON'T PLAY COY WITH ME! THE JIG IS UP!

WHAT KIND OF DEAL?

W-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, SENPAI?

AHH, THE BRAZEN SHAME-LESSNESS OF A THIEF.

I'M SO DISAPPOINTED, SO, SO LET DOWN.

W-WAIT A MINUTE! ARE YOU SAYING WE HELPED THROW THE GAME?!

NOW I'M GETTING MAD!

I FIGURED WE COULD IGNORE IT, BUT WITH THE WAY IT'S SPREADING, THERE'S NO WONDER THE NEWS WOULD REACH YOU. IT'S POSSIBLE THE PLAYERS HAVE HEARD THE RUMORS, TOO...

IT'S ON THE INTERNET.

INTER-NET?

The Yakuza Nikogaku Family FROM MonMon DATE 2001/07/14/

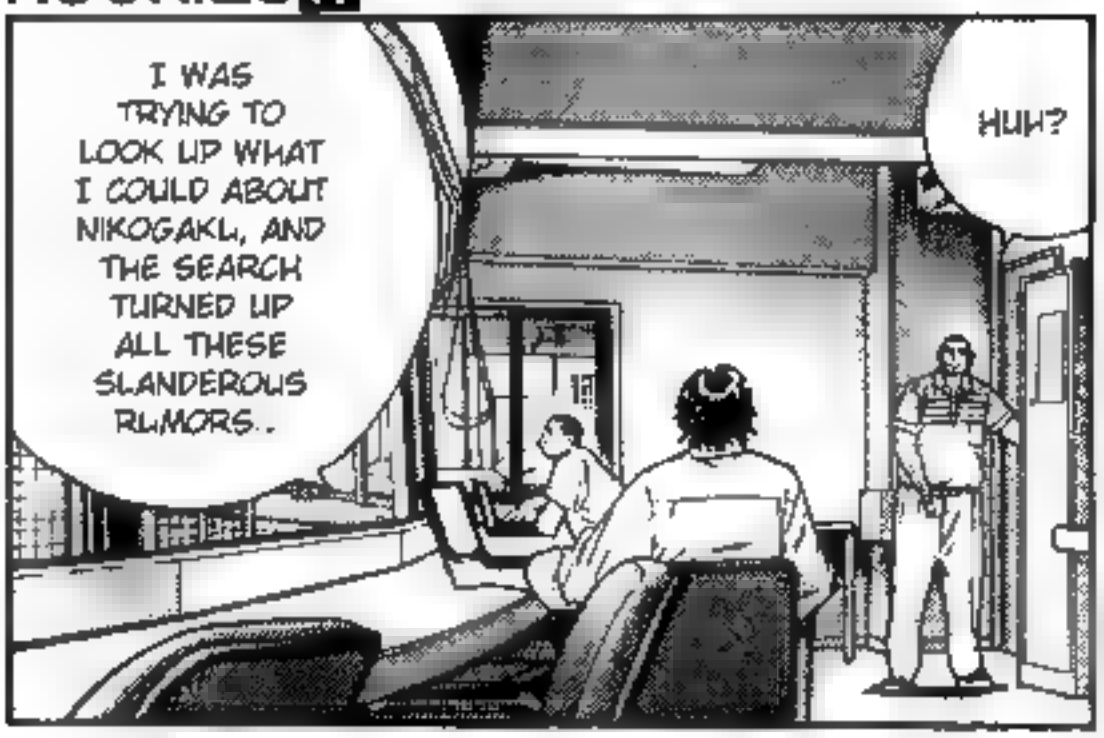
Based on the clues, I imagine two possib lities.
One is bribery The other is extortion.
Knowing the nature of N kogaku, I be ieve the atter is more l kely
Complete and tota thug rule at that school They should be exiled

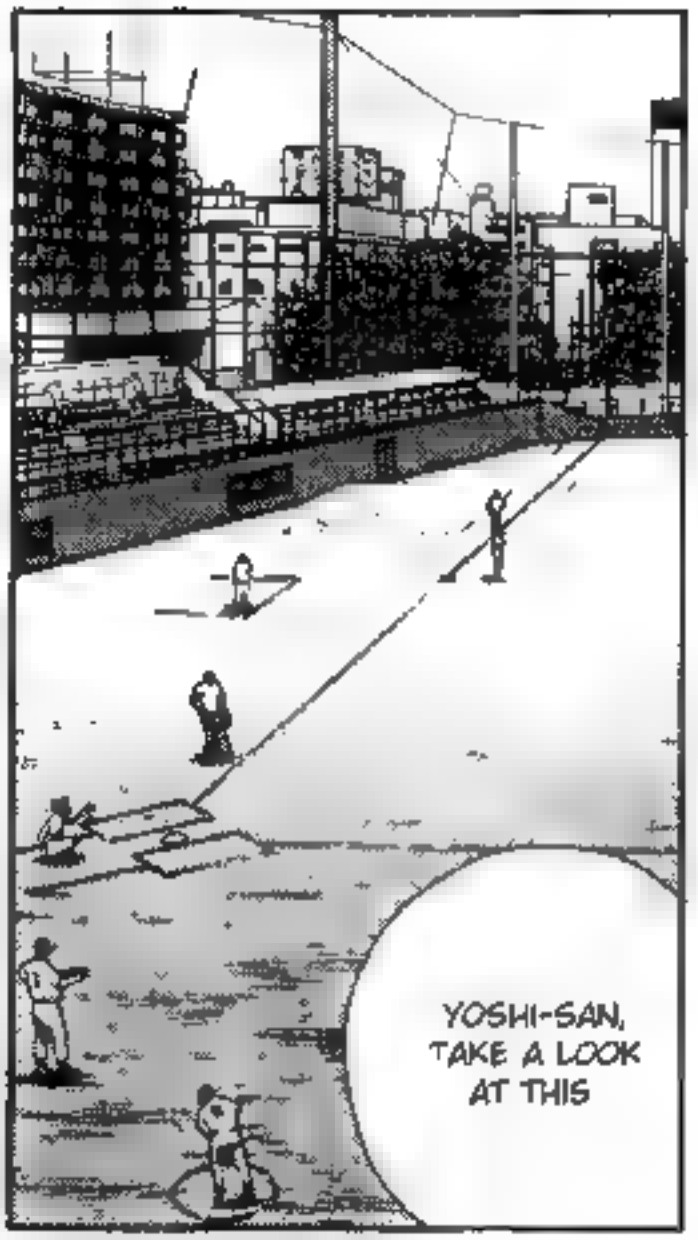
Harem .. FROM Tthair DATE 2001/07/14/21 05

Wanna know the truth? N.kogaku doesn't even practice.
Al they do is hang out and mess around. They got about
15 girl managers and they just spend all day in the
clubhouse doin NASTY STUFF ♡

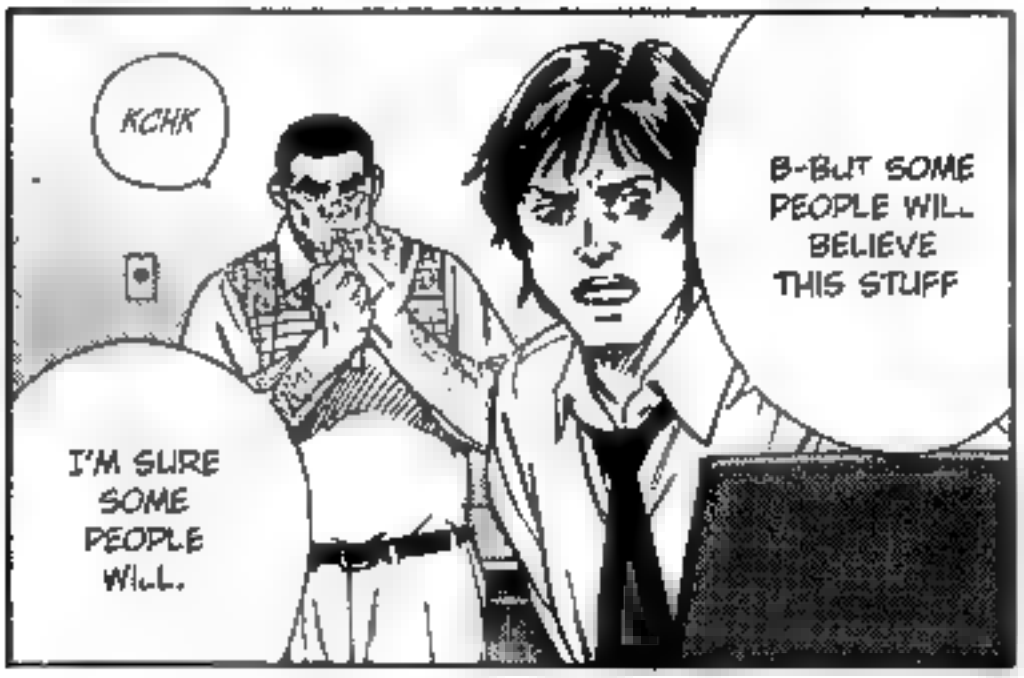
What I heard .. FROM Piko's Chivalry DATE 2001/07/14/21 28

Someone who hit a home run against Nikogaku is now missing
He hasn't shown up at home. One pitcher who accidentally hit
their batter got into a "car accident" and he'll be in the hospital
two months while he heals I'm dead serious


I WAS TRYING TO LOOK UP WHAT I COULD ABOUT NIKOGAKU, AND THE SEARCH TURNED UP ALL THESE SLANDEROUS RUMORS..
HUH?


YOSHI-SAN, TAKE A LOOK AT THIS


COME ON, I'M SERIOUS! LOOK AT THIS!
THAT'S THE BEST YOU CAN MANAGE? HMPH?
HMPH.


KCHK
I'M SURE SOME PEOPLE WILL.
B-BUT SOME PEOPLE WILL BELIEVE THIS STUFF


I DON'T NEED TO SEE 'EM TO KNOW IT'S ALL A BUNCHA HOGWASH.


THE INVISIBLE ENEMY APPEARS.
SO NOW IT STARTS.





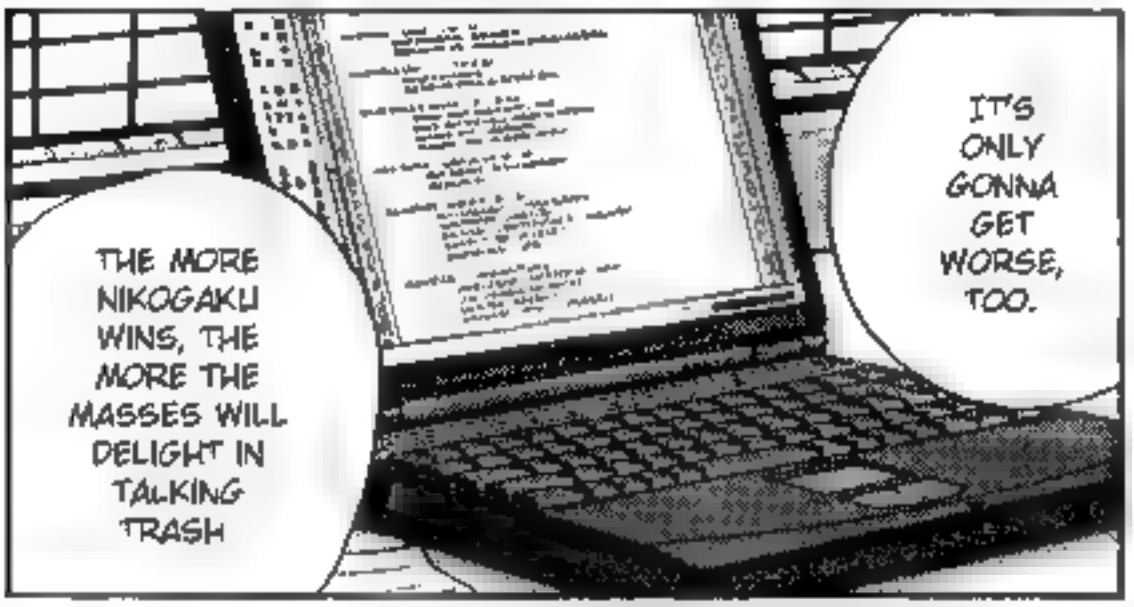

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nikogaku die niko
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TU-KA




WELL, THEY KNOW WHAT THEY DID THEY COULD HAVE IMAGINED THIS RESPONSE.

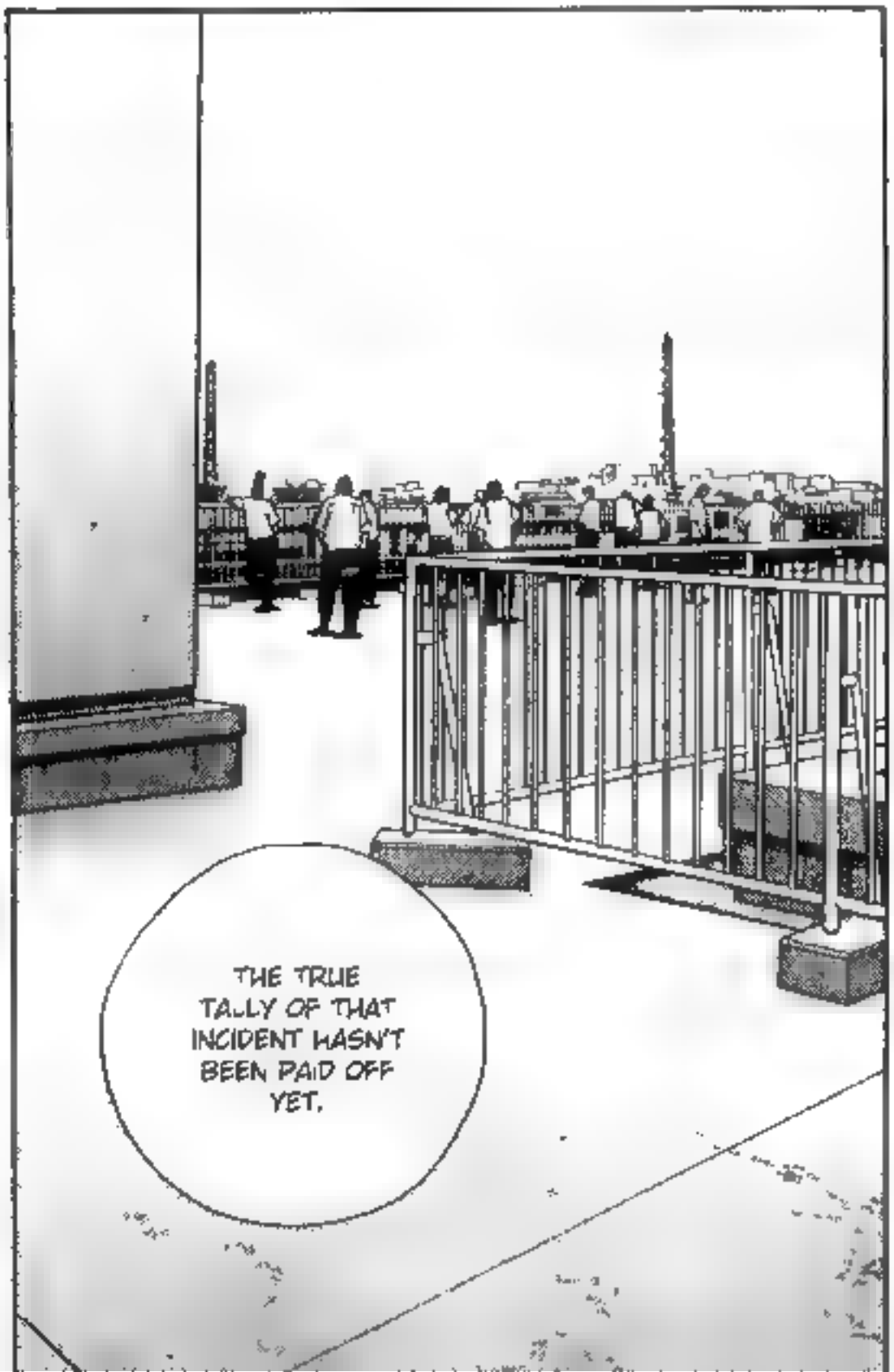

.....
NO SURPRISE THERE. WE'RE IN A DAY AND AGE WHEN PEOPLE ARE DRAWN TO SCANDALS MORE THAN THE RESULTS OF JAPANESE SUPERHEROES PLAYING BALL IN THE MLB.


THIS STUFF IS AWFUL, THOUGH!
IF YOU ACTUALLY WATCHED THE GAME, IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN OBVIOUS THERE WAS NO FOUL PLAY INVOLVED


THE MORE NIKOGAKU WINS, THE MORE THE MASSES WILL DELIGHT IN TALKING TRASH
IT'S ONLY GONNA GET WORSE, TOO.


NIKOGAKU'S ABOUT TO HIT THEIR FIRST *REAL* TEST


YOU MEAN ALL THE IGNORANT PEOPLE OUT THERE.
THE MASSES ARE THEIR ENEMY?
NO...


THE TRUE TALLY OF THAT INCIDENT HASN'T BEEN PAID OFF YET.

THE *REAL* ENEMY IS THE WEAKNESS INSIDE YOURSELF.

IT'LL COME DOWN TO WHETHER THEY CAN DO THAT OR NOT.

TO BELIEVE IN YOURSELF AND TO PLAY YOUR OWN STYLE OF BALL.

BUT WITH THE TEAM BEING RUN BY A MAN LIKE HIM...

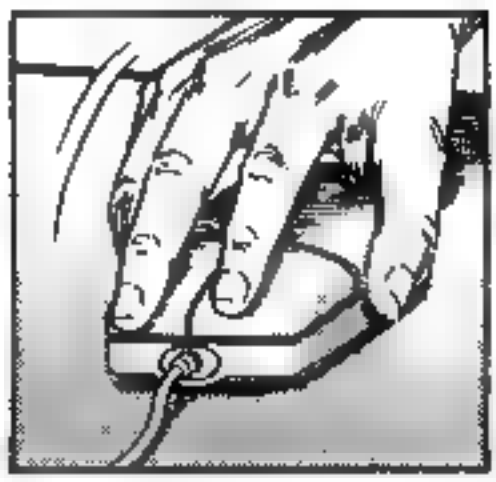
Nikogaku's funding FROM Some1 involved DA

Apparently they decided on 100k for each run ahead in the Yoga game. Since it was 10-0 that would be one million yen they paid. This is coming from my classmate's friend's little brother's friend so it's quite possible

Untitled .. FROM Pepperoncini DATE 2001/07

Bet they'll be cheating tomorrow, too







Re:FROM Nikogaku ☆ Yeah DAT

Bet they'll be cheating tomorrow, too.

Re:FROM Nikogaku ☆ Yeah DATE 2001/

Quit your bullshit.
Come and watch the game.

Re:FROM Pepperoncini DATE 2001/07



PFF!

SERVES YOU RIGHT, BITCHES!

GYA HAHA HAHA HAHA!

THAT'S RIGHT, MUH-FUCKAS! WE'RE GONNA DO THIS!

THE HAIRS IN MY ASSCRACK BOTHER ME MORE THAN THIS CRAP!

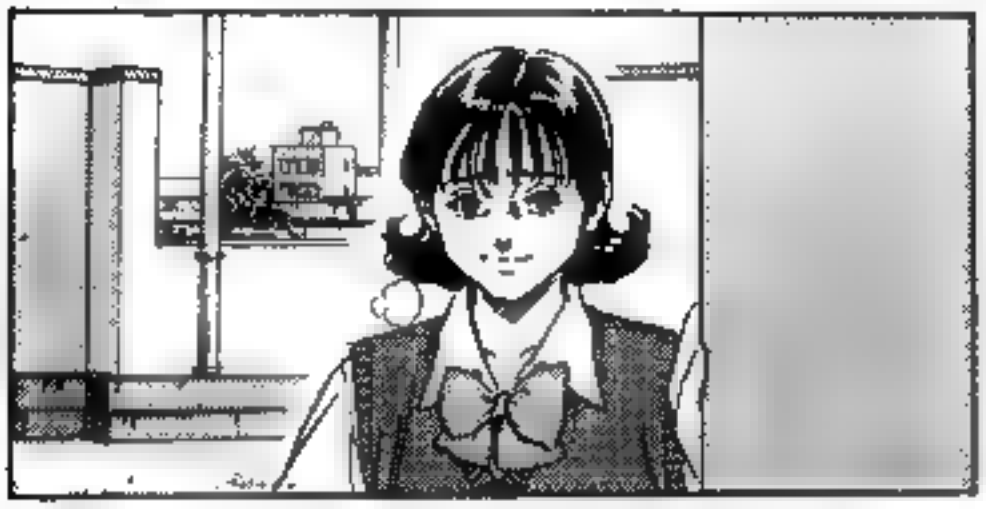
HEH. WHAT CAN YOU SAY. .?

WAY TO GO, HAMANAKA! NICE WORK!

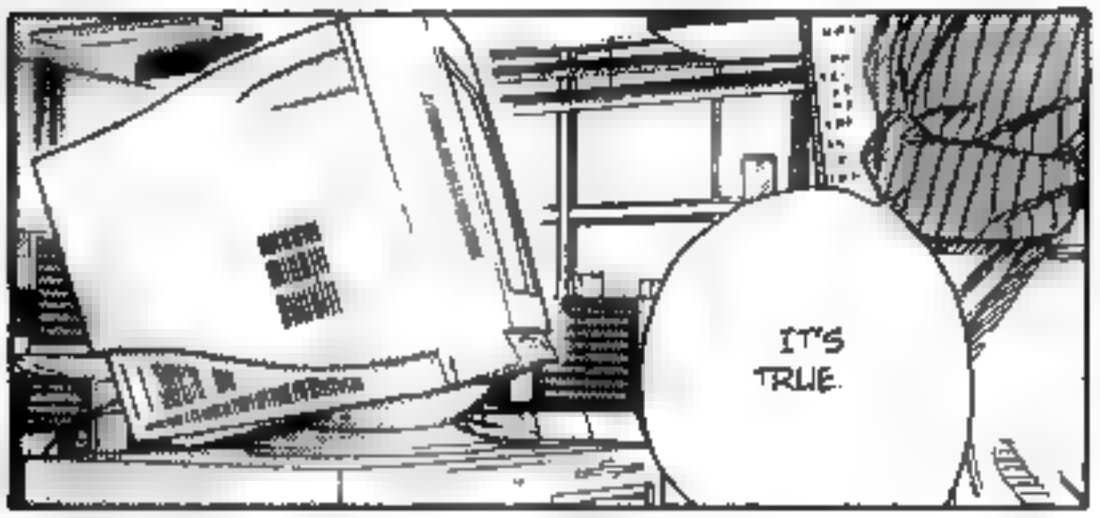
HEH HEH... I GOT SO FRUSTRATED, I HAD TO DO IT.

GYA HAHA HAHA!

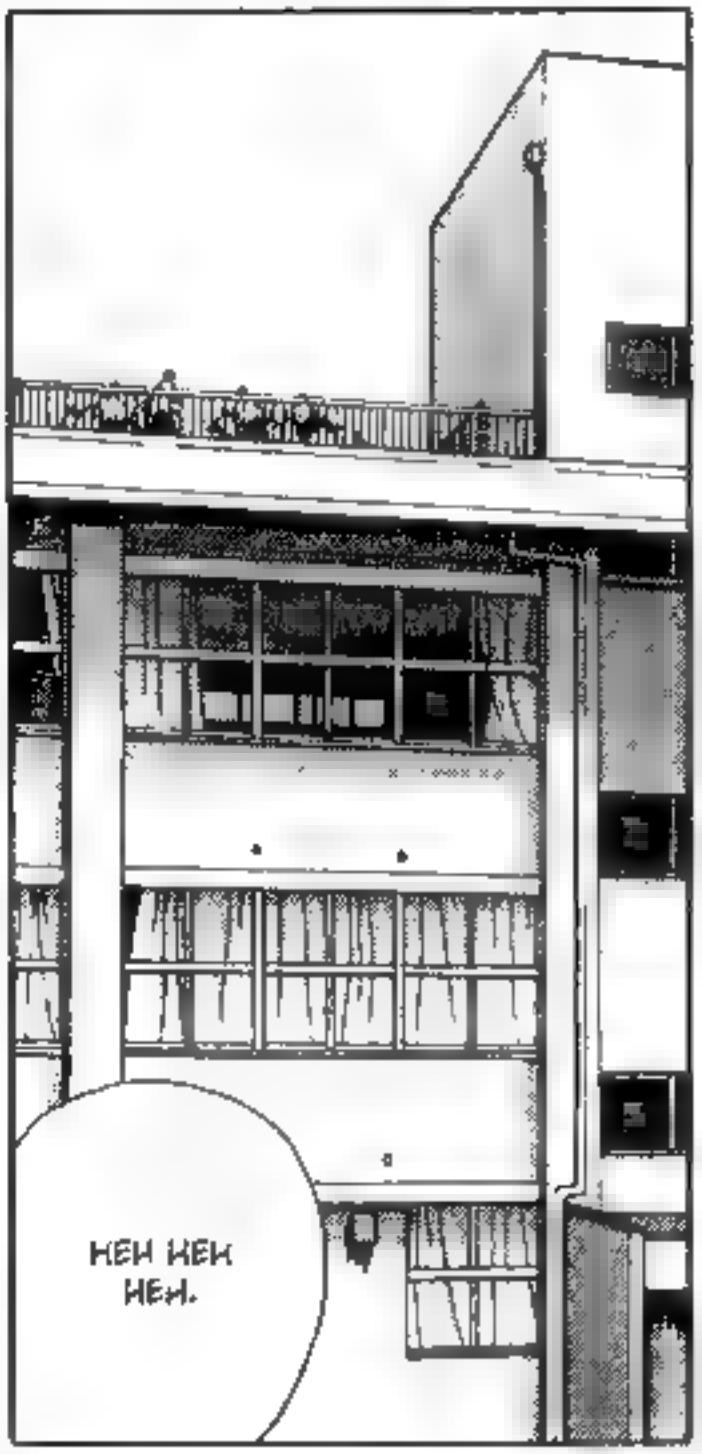





EVERY-
ONE
WANTS
TO BRING
DOWN A
STAR!
GYAHA
HAHA
HAHA
HAHA
HA!


IT'S
TRUE.


THEY'RE
MAKING TRUE
PROGRESS,
BIT BY BIT.


HEH HEH
HEH.

MEOW-WWW!

THAT'S IT! THROUGH THE HOLE!


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ANOTHER TWO RUNS IN!


THESE GUYS ARE AMAZING..
HOLY CRAP


DA-AH!
STEEE-RIKE!


HRMM...
I TOLD YOU NOT TO PUT HIM IN THE STARTING LINEUP, SENSEI!
THREE STRIKEOUTS ALREADY.


HERE WE GO! THE BIG MAN ARRIVES TO DRIVE THE NAIL IN THE COFFIN!
I'M GONNA BE THE END OF THIS GAME, TOO!!

HOW ABOUT THAT! I GUESS WE *ARE* GETTING POPULAR.

SERVES YOU RIGHT, NETFAGS.

IS IT JUST ME, OR ARE THERE A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE TODAY?

YEAH, WAY *MORE* THAN BEFORE.

LET'S GO, LAST INNING!

ANOTHER FIVE-INNING CALLED-OFF GAME, COMING UP!

STRIKE THREE!

YEY!

BATTER OUT!

SHIT, I SHOULDA PAID ATTENTION LAST GAME.

HEH HEH. .

I FIGURED THEY WERE JUST A ONE-OFF COLOR STORY.

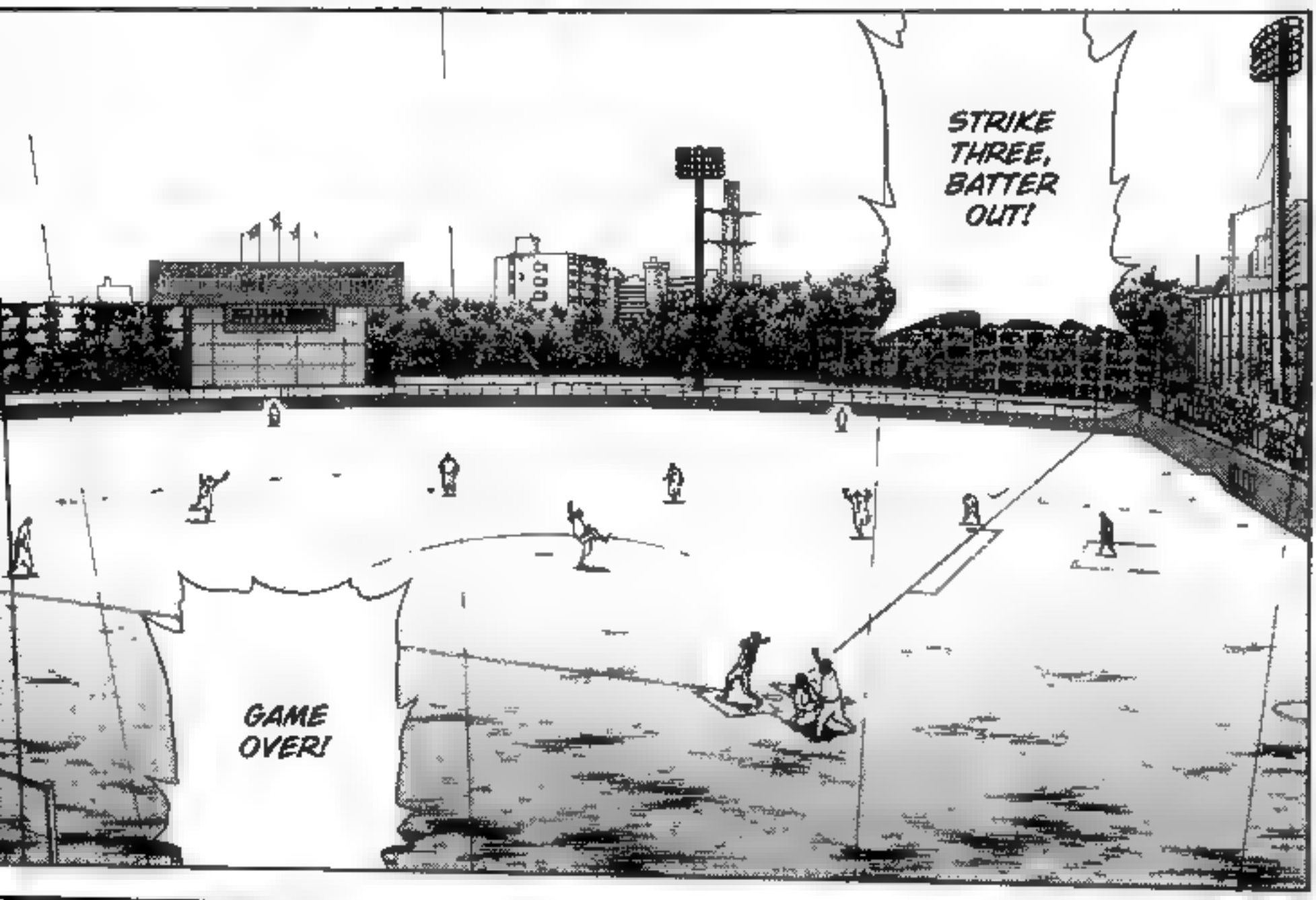
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IS THIS THE SAME NIKOGAKU?

WOW, ARE YOU SERIOUS? TWO STRAIGHT CALLED GAMES? AND BOTH SHUTOUTS.


HEH.


WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO WERE WATCHING FROM THE START, YOSHI-SAN!
SOUNDS LIKE THEY'RE WISING UP TO NIKOGAKU'S TALENT.


STRIKE THREE, BATTER OUT!
GAME OVER!


WOO-HOO!


HELL YEA-AAH!

YEAH, NIKOGAKU, YEAH!!

YOU SEE THAT, FOOL?!

THIS IS NIKOGAKU!

WHOA! THEY'RE ALL GONE..

LET'S GO, YOSHI-SAN!

YES! IT'S ALL OVER!

COME ON, PEOPLE! GET EXCITED!

IT'S LIKE WE'RE THE ONLY ONES STOKED HERE!

AND ANOTHER SHUTOUT!

CALLED GAME AGAIN!

AHA HA HA HA HA!

HA HA HA HA!











Uniforms: Sasazaki



EEE-EEK!

HERE THEY COME!

WHOA.

WHAT THE-?!

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SASAZAKI HIGH
SADAHARU KAWAKAMI

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KAWAKAMI-KUUUUUN!

KYAAAA! KAWAKAMI-KUUUN!

STOP, STOP! NO PUSHING, PLEASE!

KAWA-KAMI-KUN!

AWW, SHUCKS.

STOP PLAYING AROUND, BESSHO.

CHILL OUT, LADIES! LET ME THROUGH, C'MON!

WA HA HA HA!

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HA HA HA, HE'S GOT IT HARDER THAN YOU THINK.

SHIT, WHY DOES KAWAKAMI GET ALL THE ATTENTION?

OUCH!

PARDON US, LET US THROUGH!

IT'S ALL RIGHT, KAWAKAMI-SAN.

DAMN GREAT.

HEY, BESSHO-KUN. HOW YOU FEELING?

ONCE WE GET TO THE KOSHIEN, WOMEN ALL OVER THE COUNTRY WILL BE SCREAMING MY NAME IN ECSTACY!

JUST YOU WAIT, ASSHOLE!

MURMUR

MURMUR

MURMUR

NO WONDER THEY NEVER GOT EXCITED.

DAMN, THEY WEREN'T EVEN HERE TO SEE US.

I BET OUR STUDENTS WERE IN THERE SOMEWHERE.

THEY'RE ALL HERE TO SEE SASAZAKI PLAY IN THE GAME AFTER OURS!

I FIGURED IT OUT!

WHAT?!

WE FIGURED THAT OUT AGES AGO.

AND WHY ARE YOU STILL IN UNIFORM? WE'RE ABOUT TO LEAVE.

KEH!

THEY'RE DEFINITELY ONE OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP CONTENDERS THIS YEAR.

IT'S MORE THAN JUST KAWAKAMI. SASAZAKI'S A HUGE SCHOOL. THEY'VE BEEN TO THE KOSHIEN ABOUT FIVE TIMES, I THINK.

IS THIS KAWAKAMI GUY THAT SPECIAL?

W-WHO JUST ASKED THAT QUESTION?!

HOW RUDE CAN YOU GET?

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I'M SORRY, WHAT WAS THAT?

Y-YEAH.. SO?

DID YOU EVEN WATCH THE GAME?

WAS IT YOU? WHAT TWO-BIT RAG ARE YOU FROM?

B-BUT THE RUMORS ARE ALL OVER THE NET!

ANIYA-KUN! A QUESTION OR TWO?

IN THAT CASE, YOU OUGHTA GIVE UP SPORTS-WRITING.

EXACTLY.

BUT YOU CAN'T MENTION NIKOGAKU WITHOUT MENTIONING THE...

ALL YOU DID WAS STRIKE OUT FOUR TIMES, HIRACCHI.

AND ME? WHAT ABOUT ME?!

YOU LUCKY BASTARD.

WHOA, INTER-VIEWS?!

YOU WON THROUGH SKILL TODAY, DIDN'T YOU?

MAYBE.

I MEAN, I ASSUME SO.

UH. BUT...

WHAT KIND OF QUESTION IS THAT?!

RRGH

EXCUSE ME?

TALK ABOUT BULL-SHIT.

MAN, I SHOULDA FIGURED IT WAS ONE OF *THOSE* THINGS.

HUH?

YOU HEARD THAT? THERE'S YOUR ANSWER.

!

Y-YEAH.

WE CAN GO AHEAD AND LEAVE, RIGHT SENSEI?




HEH. LOOKS LIKE YOUR PLAYERS ARE MORE GROWN-UP THAN YOU ARE.
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YO, NIKOGAKU!


WE JUST GOTTA PLAY OUR GAME.
WE CAN'T LET THAT GARBAGE BOTHER US...


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HEARD YOU HIT THREE STRAIGHT OFF THE BACK SCREEN. CRAZY!
WATCH, WE'LL MATCH YOU ON THAT TODAY.


SASAZAKI!!


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MASUMI BESSHO, THANKS FOR ASKING.
OH, WAIT JUST A DAMN SECOND! LET ME TELL YOU HOW WE REALLY WON THAT GAME!
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I DON'T CARE WHO YOU ARE!


HOWDY.

KAWA-
KAMI!

DAMN,
CAN'T
MISS
THIS!

WHOA,
KAWAKAMI!

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MURMUR

MURMUR

SORRY,
CAN YOU
SAVE THE
QUESTIONS
UNTIL
AFTER THE
GAME?

RRGH...

BASE HIT TO LEFT!

YES!

WHOA!

GRAH!

YEAA-AAH!

PITCHER ASSAULT!

THERE'S A RUN!

ANOTHER BASE HIT!

THAT ONE'S TO RIGHT!

WOOHOO, WOOHOO!

10 TO 0!

KEEP IT GOING!

AND THERE ARE STILL TWO RUNNERS!

THAT'S GOT TO BE HARD TO COMPETE AGAINST.

LISTEN TO THE CHEERS..

AND THIS TANISHIGE SCHOOL, THEY'RE THE ONES WHO BEAT BACK SHIMOTAKAIDO'S KANEMURA TO ADVANCE.

YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT...

HOW DO THEY GET CRUSHED LIKE THIS?

ANIYA!

WE'RE GONNA BE IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS, NEXT ROUND.

YEAH? YOU'RE STILL HERE.

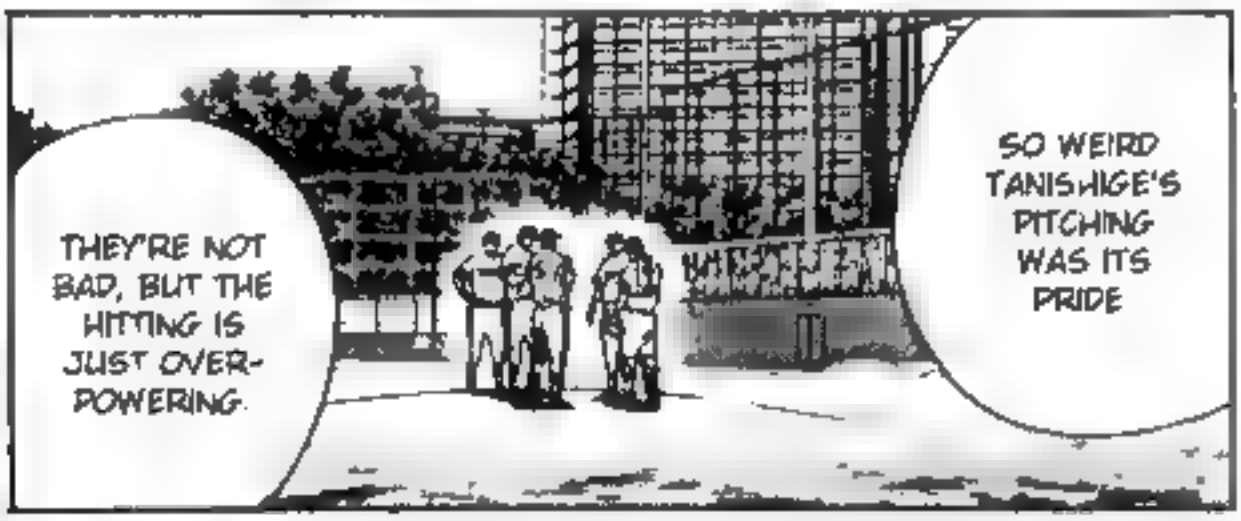
I THOUGHT YOU WENT BACK TO SCHOOL FOR AFTERNOON CLASSES!


WHOA, A SQUEEZE IN THIS SITUATION?!


BIG BARREL BX701


SASAZAKI ALWAYS TAKES THE RUNS WHEN THEY CAN GET THEM.
MAN, THAT'S A CONSERVATIVE PLAY WITH THIS LEAD.
ANOTHER RUN.


Batting fourth, the third [redacted], Bessbo-kun.


THEY'RE NOT BAD, BUT THE HITTING IS JUST OVER-POWERING.
SO WEIRD TANISHIGE'S PITCHING WAS ITS PRIDE


NO WONDER THEY'D HAVE THE ADVANTAGE.
THIS IS EDOGAWA, SASAZAKI'S HOME TOWN.


YOSHI-SAN...
THE OTHER THING IS THE CROWD.

BRING IT, SUCKER!

GOD, SHUT UP...

OKAY, FOLKS! THANKS FOR WAITING!

THE SASAZAKI THEATER IS ABOUT TO HIT ITS STRIDE!

HMPH!

GOTCHA-AAA!!

DAAH, WAIT! DON'T GO!

OH, IT'S GONNNNE !!

13 RUNS!

HOLD THEM IN THE NEXT INNING, AND THE GAME'S OVER!

SHIT, I WANTED TO HIT THE SCORE-BOARD!

HOME RUN!

NOT TO LEFT FIELD!

WAAAAY OVER THE FENCE!

W-WOW... SASAZAKI'S GOTTEN EVEN BETTER...

BUT EVEN MORE INCREDIBLE IS..

KAWA-KAMI-KUUUN!

KAWA-KAMI-KUUUN!

YOU CAN DO IT, KAWA-KAMI!

FINISH OFF THE GAME!

WHOA, THERE HE GOES!

KAWA-KAMI-!!!!

HE'S PITCHED AGAINST TWELVE BATTERS AND STRUCK OUT NINE ..

A PERFECT FOUR INNINGS

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HE COULD EASILY FINISH THAT...

PLAY BALL!

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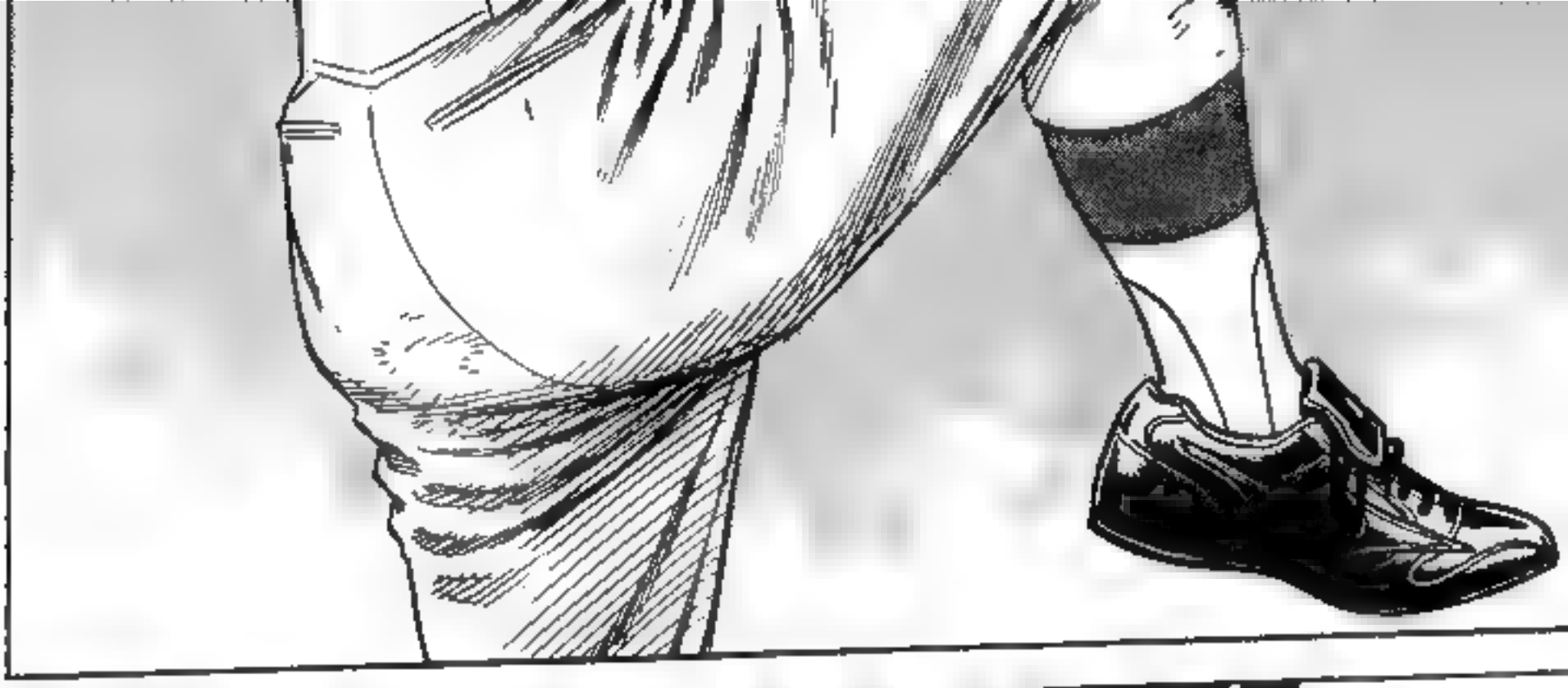
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STRIIIKE!

YEAAAH! ONE STRIKE!

IT'S THE FASTBALL THAT HELPS HIM THROW HIS OUT PITCH.

YOU KNOW THE ONE.

NICE FAST HEATER, SON!

YOU'RE THE PRIDE OF OUR TOWN!

HA HA HA! THAT'S THE WAY, KAWAKAMI!

ANIYA, DIDN'T YOU SAY...

I DID SAY THAT

. YOU PLAYED AGAINST KAWAKAMI ONCE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL?

HOW'D IT GO?

THREE AT-BATS, THREE STRIKE-OUTS.

WOW

STREEEE-RIKE!

AND IT WAS A NO-HITTER.

AND YOU STILL COULDN'T HIT THAT PITCH?

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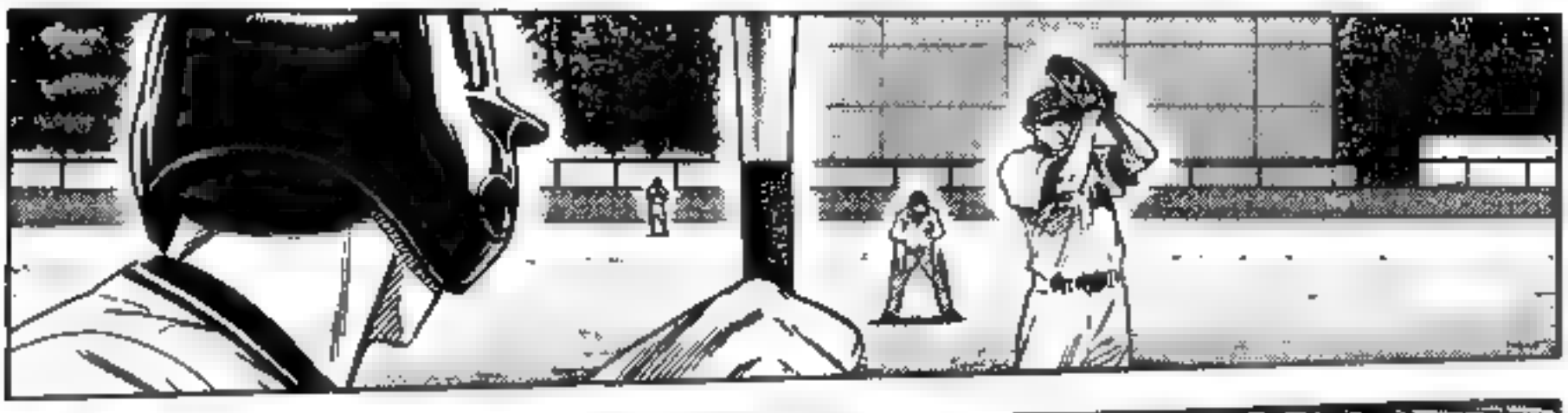
BUT YOU DID SOME WILD STUFF IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, TOO.

I MEAN, I KNEW ABOUT YOU FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL.

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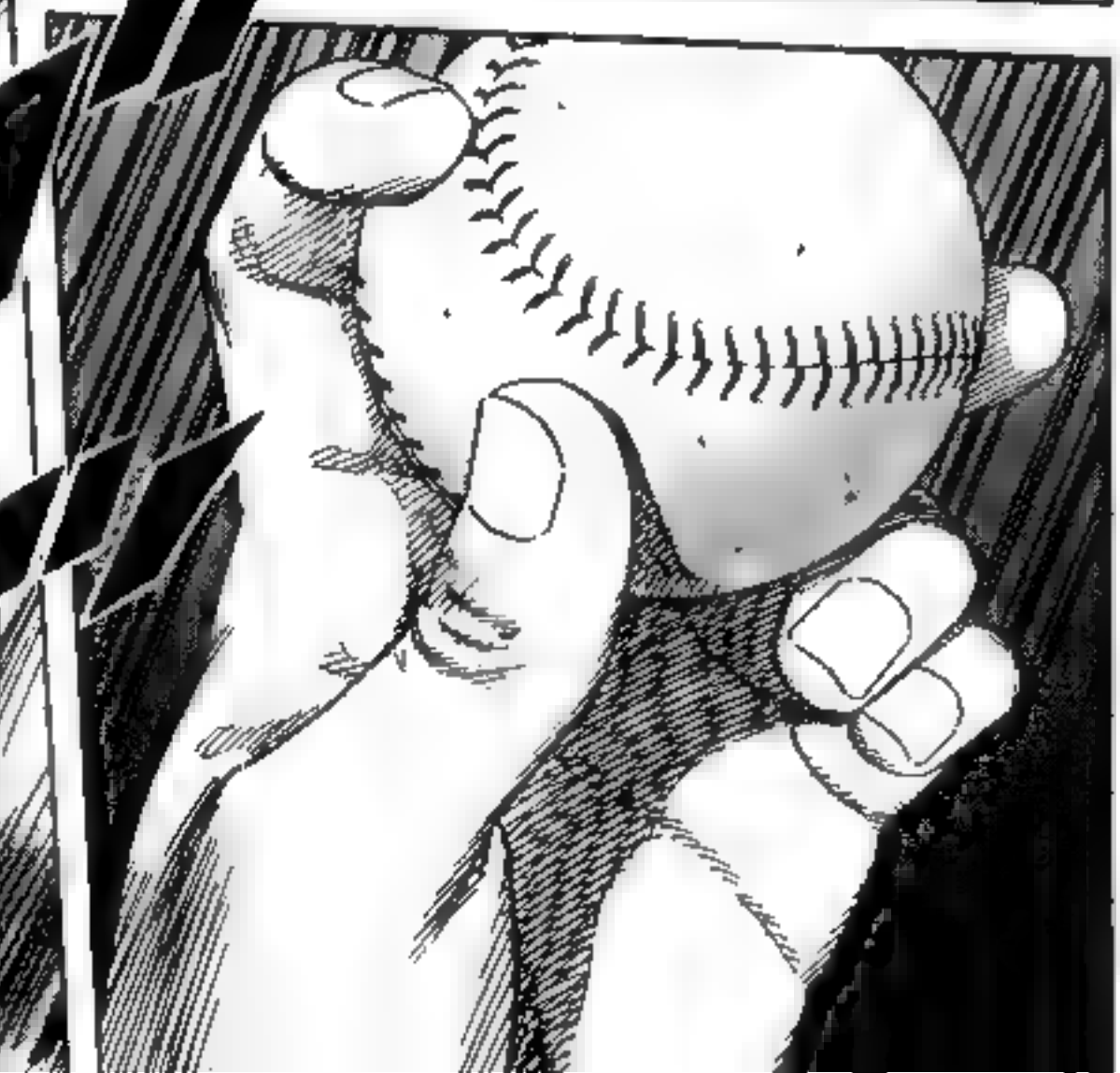












STRIKE THREE, BATTER OUT!

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LOOKIN' GOOD, KAWAKAMI-KUN!

WAY TO GO! NICE FORK-BALL!

YOU CAN'T HIT THAT!

JUST TWO MORE!

MAN! IF ONLY HE COULD PITCH NINE INNINGS...

EVEN IF HE GETS THE NEXT TWO, IT'LL ONLY BE 12

THE TOKYO RECORD FOR STRIKEOUTS IN A GAME IS 14

IT'S TOO BAD IT'LL ONLY BE THROUGH FIVE.

IS HE GONNA THROW A PERFECT GAME?!

NIKOGAKU DID WELL, BUT THIS IS GONNA BE IT FOR THEM.

THEY MIGHT HAVE WON TWO SHUTOUTS THAT GOT CALLED ON ACCOUNT OF IT NOT BEING CLOSE, BUT SASAZAKI'S A FULL TWO RANKS BETTER.

IF SASAZAKI WINS THIS ONE, THEY GET NIKOGAKU NEXT.

NIKOGAKU IS NOTHING TO THESE GUYS.

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HA HA HA!

LOOK, IT BOUNCED AWAY!

RUN! THAT'S A PASSED THIRD STRIKE!

WHOA, TALK ABOUT SMALL CHANGE!

YOU'RE AN EMBARR-ASSMENT, TANISHIGE!

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HA HA HA HA HA!

DID YOU SEE HIM RUNNING ALL HARD?

GYAHA HAHA, YOU CAN'T MAKE THAT!

OH WELL! YOU CAN'T BEAT KAWAKAMI WITHOUT TRYING GARBAGE LIKE THAT!

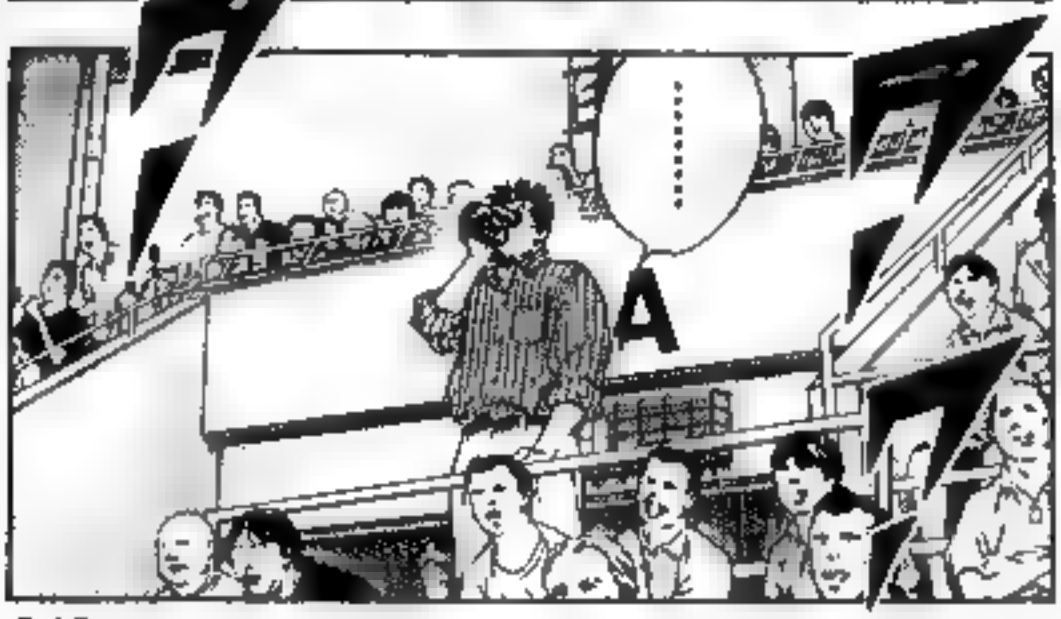
OUT!


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WAIT, ANIYA!
AREN'T YOU GONNA WATCH TO THE END?
HUH?


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WHAT?!
KAWATO'S HERE, TOO. HE'S BEEN TAPING KAWAKAMI FROM THE STANDS.


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WHOA! NONE OF YOU WENT BACK TO SCHOOL?!
WHERE WERE YOU WATCHING?

COME ON, GUYS.. NO USE GETTING DEPRESSED!

WE DID PRETTY GOOD, RIGHT?

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DID I SAY SOME-THING THAT PISSED YOU OFF?!

WHOAAA! WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?!

GUYS! STOP!

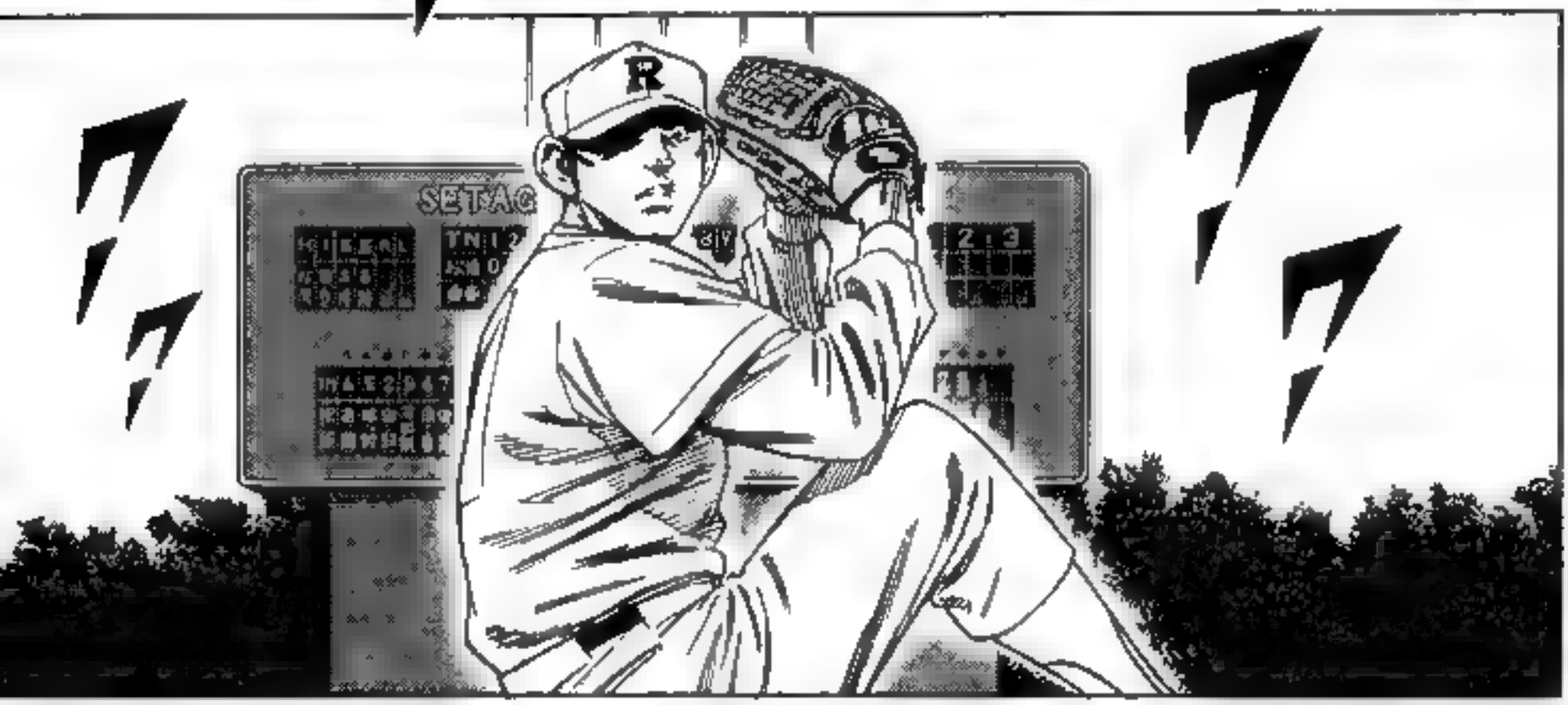
NIKOGAKU CAN BE PROUD!

IT'S CRAZY THAT WE GOT THIS FAR TO START WITH!




!?
THE GAME WAS TOTALLY OVER.


WHY DID THAT IDIOT RUN?


SET AG





STRII-
IIKE!

HEH.
AT THIS POINT,
WE MIGHT AS
WELL GO DOWN
IN GLORY AND
GIVE HIM HIS
PERFECT GAME.

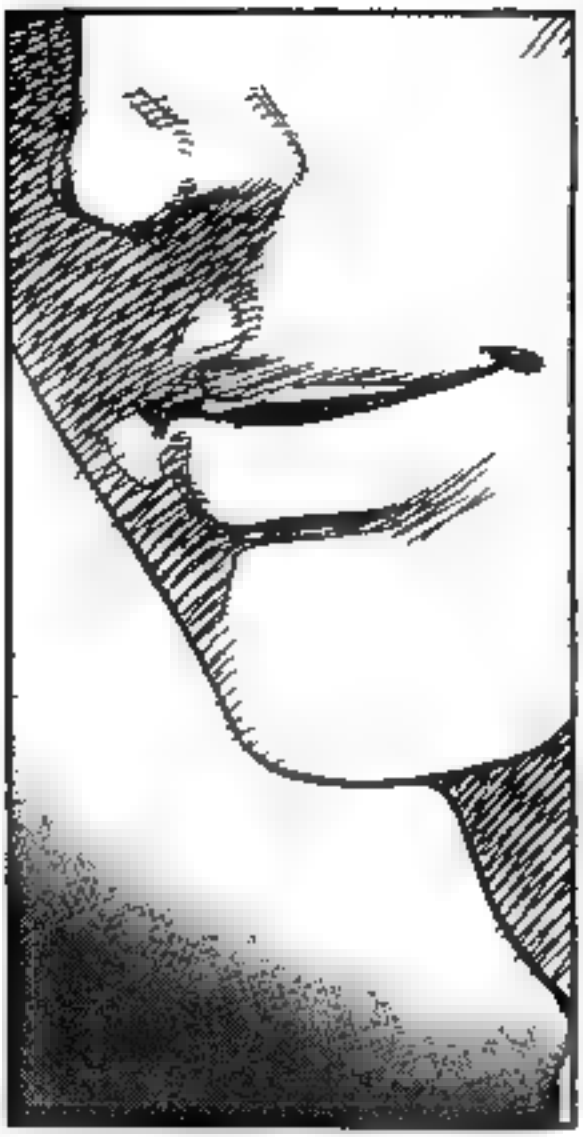
GREAT,
TWO
STRIKES...
DOWN
IN THE
COUNT.

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ATS!


AAGH...


RUN, RUN, RUN!
HE MISSED! THE BALL GOT AWAY!














GO, ANIYA! RUN!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!


MATSUZAKA


JUST STEP ON THE BASE!



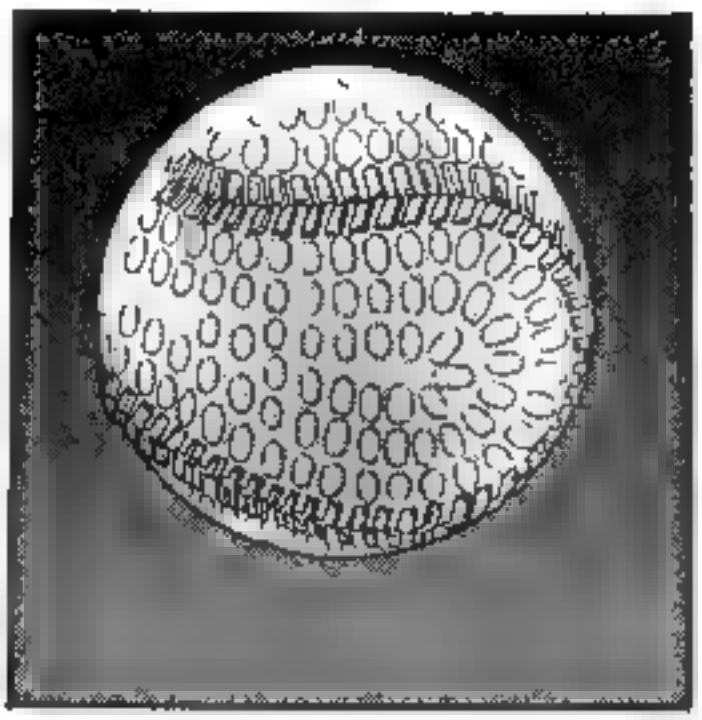



MATSUZAKI
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ANIYA!
ANIYA!
2


Pitto



SAFE!

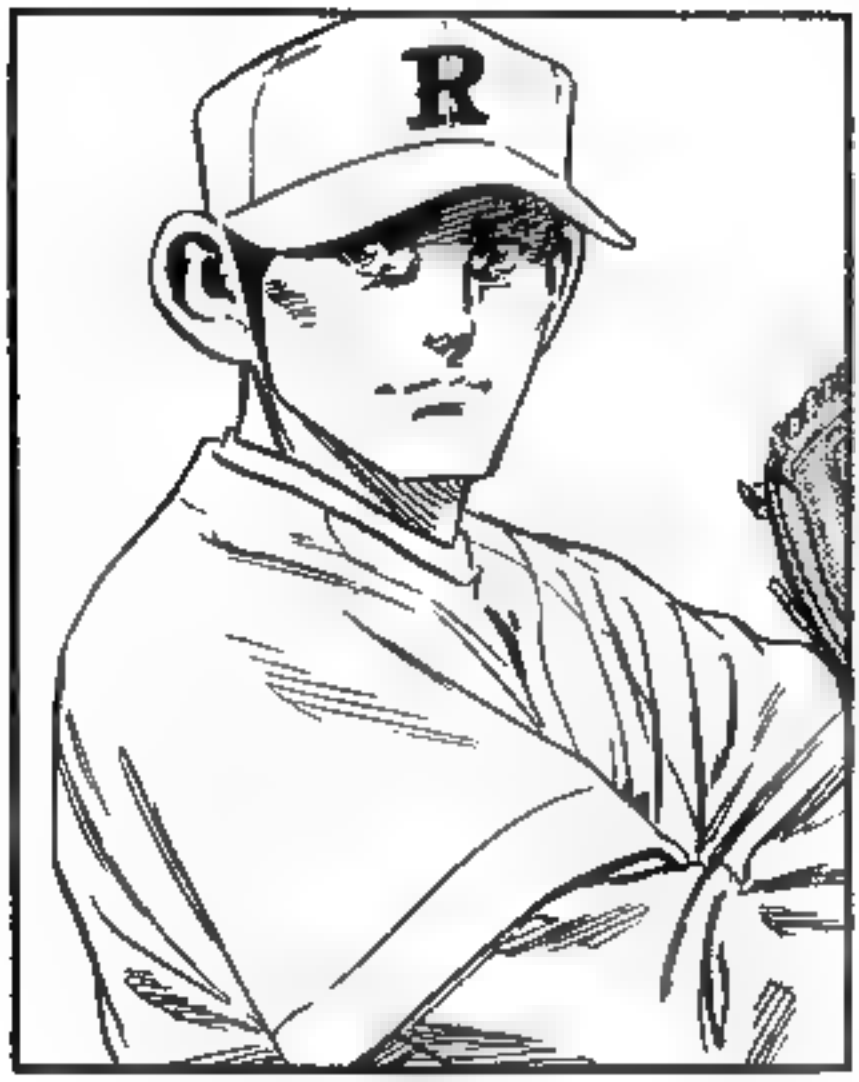
HE'S GONNA FUCKIN' GET HIS!

I'M TIRED OF HIM.

HEY! ANYA!

STRIKE THREE, YERRR OUT!

GAME OVER!!


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BZZZZZ.

BZZZZ.

BZZZZ.

BZZZZ.

BZZZZ

AHEM.

BZZZZ.

SO, UH...

BZZZ.

DOES THIS MEAN YOU DIDN'T GET ANY FOOTAGE?

SORRY!

SO MUCH FOR US STUDYING KAWAKAMI'S FORKBALL, EH?!

WHAT WAS THE POINT OF US BRINGING THE TV IN HERE?!

STOP USING MACHINES, FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!

.....

HANG ON, GUYS. THE GAME'S IN TWO DAYS.

EVEN IF WE *DID* COME UP WITH SOME RADICAL PLAN TO HIT IT, IT'S A FAR CRY FROM HAVING IT WORK IN A GAME.

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KEI. . ANIYA-KUN!

WHAT?!

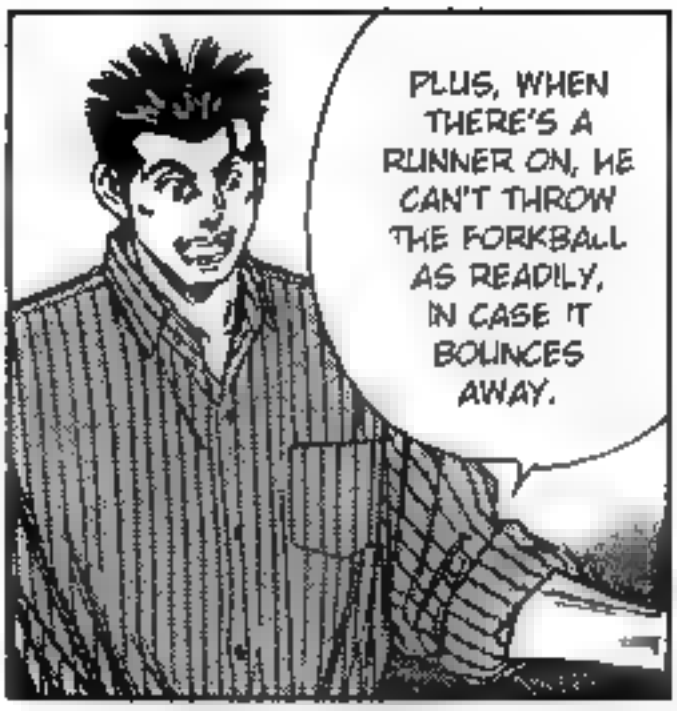
BECAUSE HE USES THAT FORK AS AN OUT PITCH SO OFTEN, IT'S EASY TO GUESS WHEN IT'S COMING.

STOP ACTING LIKE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!

WAIT, WAIT, NO! LISTEN TO ME!

YOU MADE THE MISTAKE! YOU DON'T GET TO MAKE EXCUSES!


IF HE HANGS A HIGH FORKBALL RIGHT OVER THE PLATE, YOU CAN'T GET A BETTER HOME RUN PITCH.
AND THE MORE PITCHES HE THROWS, THE MORE LIKELY HE THROWS A DUD.


PLUS, WHEN THERE'S A RUNNER ON, HE CAN'T THROW THE FORKBALL AS READILY, IN CASE IT BOUNCES AWAY.


SEE? NO MATTER HOW WICKED A FORKBALL KAWAKAMI THROWS, THERE'S ALWAYS A WAY TO BEAT HIM!


SENSEI. .






ER, YES. .
THAT'S CORRECT..
ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
HMM?
HMM?

LOOK, IF YOU WANT TO HIT A FORK-BALL..

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WHAT ?!

I DO KNOW HOW TO STUDY, YOU GUYS!

MAN... HE'S EVEN STARTING TO MAKE SENSE...

EASY FOR HIM TO SAY.

LIKE HE KNOWS WHAT IT MEANS.

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YOU STILL DRAGGIN' THAT NO-HITTER BEHIND YOU


WHAT DO YOU WANT?
GET OUTTA HERE.


HE FUCKIN' TOLD YOU. DIDN'T HE?

IT DROPS AT ABOUT THE SAME SPEED AS HIS FAST-BALL.

SOMETIMES YOU SEE A PITCHER IN A PRACTICE GAME WHO THROWS A FORK, BUT HIS IS SOMETHING ELSE.

SHUT UP!

I STILL HAVEN'T SETTLED MY SCORE WITH ENATSU IN AN OFFICIAL GAME.

IN MY LIFE OF PLAYING BASE-BALL..

. THERE ARE TWO GUYS THAT I *GOTTA* BEAT THE FUCK DOWN.


AND THEN THERE'S KAMIKAWA.




BECAUSE OF HIM, I DEDICATED MYSELF TO THE GAME.
BECAUSE OF HIM, I GAVE UP ON IT FOR A WHILE.


YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME, BITCH.
"HOWDY"?


THE IMAGE IS ALWAYS IN MY HEAD.


IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, I'VE NEVER FORGOTTEN.


HI


IT'S GONNA COME TRUE!
THE IMAGE OF ME SLAMMING THAT FORKBALL INTO THE LEFT FIELD STANDS.

SEEYA LATER.

HUH?

HEY, AKABOSHI.

IT WON'T SUB FOR KAMIKAWA'S, BUT IT'LL HAVE TO DO.

THROW IT.

A SHITTY-ASS PIECE OF SHIT FORK.

YOU CAN THROW A FORKBALL, CAN'T YOU?

SHIT FORK?!




HERE WE GO.
BRING IT, MAJOR LEAGUER.

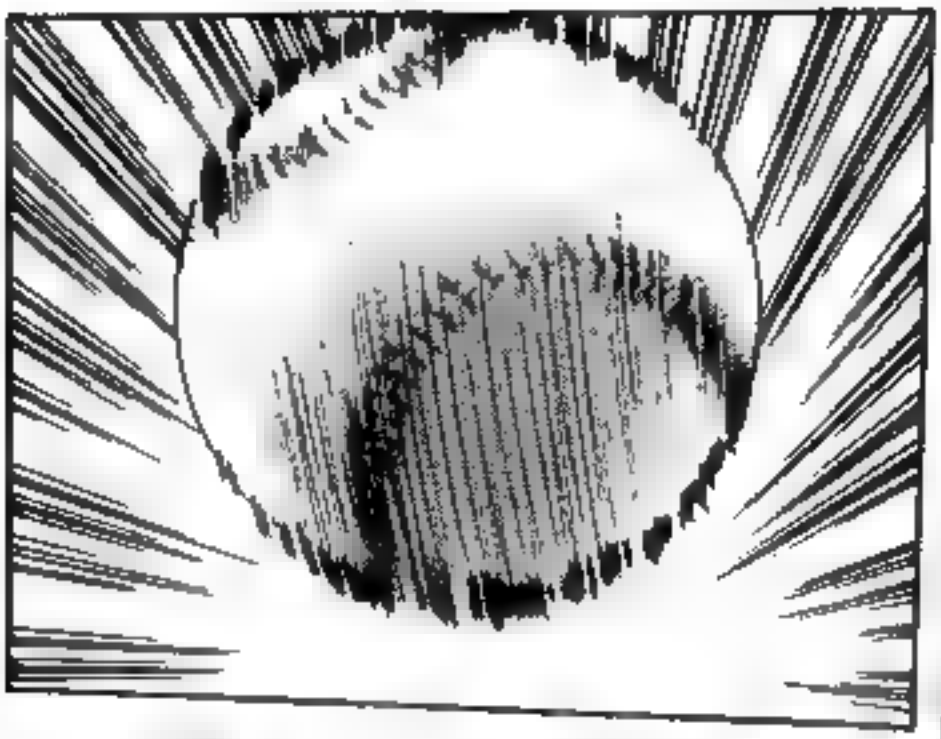



URYAA! THE FORK FROM HELL!


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I CAN SEE IT.
I CAN SEE IT IN MY HEAD








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WHAT? HE'S NOT GONNA THROW A FORKBALL FOR EVERY PITCH.

THAT WAS A FAST-BALL, DICK...

STEEERIKE!

RRGH...

THE FORKBALL'S EFFECTIVE BECAUSE IT'S USED TO GET THE BATTER OUT

IF I WAS HIM, I'D WAIT UNTIL TWO STRIKES TO THROW IT.

FINE...

WHA.

JEEYUST KIDDING!

I THOUGHT THE LAST TWO YEARS WERE SUPPOSED TO HELP ME HIT THIS PITCH!

WHAT THE FUCK AM I DOING? I CAN'T LET THIS STUPID BULLSHIT YANK ME AROUND...

GOD-DAMMIT!




MIGHT BE THE FORK
MIGHT BE THE HEAT


HERE WE GO.
GONNA STRIKE YOU OUT.


ALL YOU CAN DO IS GUESS WHICH ONE IT'LL BE.
KAWAKAMI'S FORKBALL COMES FROM THE SAME DELIVERY AND AT THE SAME VELOCITY AS HIS FASTBALL






I CAN HIT THE FORK!
FORK-BALL!

DROP!
DROP!!
JUST LIKE THE IMAGE!
I CAN HIT IT!

AH.

WHAT?

NO WAAAY.

HP HP HP

HIS FORKBALL AIN'T A SHITTY-ASS PIECE OF SHIT.

THAT AIN'T IT.

THROW IT AGAIN, THEN.

I MEAN, COME ON, YOU CAN'T SAY YOU *WIN* THIS ROUND BY HITTING THAT...

OKAY, FINE... I WENT TOO EASY ON YOU WITH THAT ONE.

RRGH. .

THROW IT MAKING A KAWAKAMI FACE.

KAWAKAMI FACE?!



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FIVE PERFECT INNINGS

5回パーフェクト 上

KAWAKAMI

12K

Sadaharu Kawakami
1m 80cm 74kg
Throws left, hits left
Max 146 km/h

13 runs, 15 hits in four innings

AND WE HAVE TO PLAY *THEM* NEXT?

NOT EVEN THE STUDENTS SERIOUSLY THINK WE CAN COMPETE WITH THIS TEAM.

NO, NO, NO. EVERYONE KNOWS IT WAS A LUCKY MIRACLE WE GOT THIS FAR IN THE FIRST PLACE

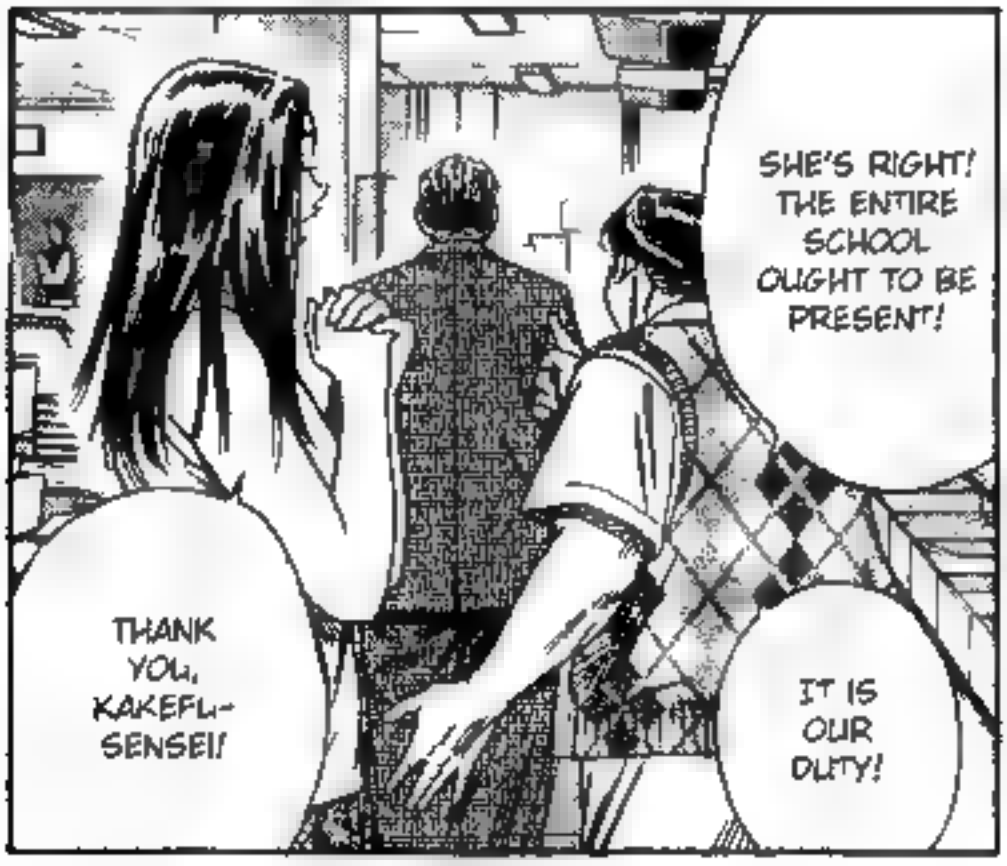
BUT YOU DON'T KNOW THAT.

I'LL BE HONEST; IT'LL BE A BLOOD-BATH.

OUR TEAM HOLDS AN INFINITE POWER WITHIN ITSELF.

IT'S A WASTE OF OUR TIME TO CHEER FOR THEM.

THIS IS AS FAR AS WE'LL GET.


SHE'S RIGHT! THE ENTIRE SCHOOL OUGHT TO BE PRESENT!
THANK YOU, KAKEFU-SENSEI!
IT IS OUR DUTY!


WE *MUST* GO CHEER FOR THEM, MR. PRINCIPAL!
LET'S CANCEL CLASSES TOMORROW!


HUH. . . OH...
HMM? WHAT'S GOING ON?


I *KNOW* THAT THEY CAN DO IT!
PLEASE, MR. PRINCIPAL!


WELL, WE DID WIN TWO STRAIGHT BLOWOUT VICTORIES.


I HAVE TO ADMIT, I'M SURPRISED BY THE AMOUNT OF MEDIA WE'VE ATTRACTED.
MEDIA?

NEED PROOF? JUST LOOK AT THE SLANDER THAT SPREAD OVER THE NET

THE WORLD JUST WANTS TO SEE HOW THE THUG SCHOOL WILL LOSE NOW THAT IT'S PLAYING NICE.

THEY WON'T FIND US ANYTHING BUT A NOVELTY.

IT'S JUST CURIOSITY.

SHIMANO-KUN!

AS LONG AS WE LOSE TO THIS POWERHOUSE AHEAD, WE'VE GOT AN EXCUSE.

THIS SHOULD BE BETTER THAN MAKING AN EVEN LAMER SPECTACLE OF OURSELVES.

Are they the real deal?! <Nikotama-gawa Academy>

FOOT-WORK, FOOT-WORK!

HERE WE GO, ONE MORE!

HEY HEY HEY!

THAT'S IT!

UP FRONT! FURTHER!

GAH!

KYAHA-HAHA-HA!

MIKOSHIBA-KUN AIN'T EVEN TAKIN' PRACTICE NOW!

GOOD LUCK, MIKOSHIBA-KUN!

HMMM...

AND THEY'RE POPULAR WITHIN THE SCHOOL.

THEY SEEM PRETTY SERIOUS TO ME.

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STOP IT, KATSU-NORI.

MAYBE YOU EXPECTED TO FIND A BUNCH OF GOOF-OFFS HALF-PLAYING AROUND...

UH. I DON'T KNOW.

WHAT WERE YOU *EXPECTING* TO COVER?

EVERYONE'S EYES ARE GONNA BE OPENED TO THE TRUE NIKOGAKU COME TOMORROW!

TOMORROW.

YOSHI-SAN..

I'M SURE THEIR BIAS AND THE BASHING ON THE NET WILL CHANGE AFTER THE SASAZAKI GAME.

144

144 KM/H!

HOW FAST?

WHOA!

146, I THINK?

WHAT?!

I KNOW HE CAN DO BETTER.

144!

WHOA, CRAZY!

HOW FAST IS KAWA-KAMI?

YOU CAN THROW THAT FAST?!

ANIYA-KUN!

ANIYA-KUN!

GRRR. FUCK THIS...

RAAAH!

HE DID IT!

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146 !!

オオオ

YEAH, ANIYA, YEAAAAH!

146

THEY'RE GONNA CALL IT OFF EARLY! THAT'S HOW BAD WE'LL BEAT 'EM!

YOU GOT THAT RIGHT!

SHOW ME WHAT YOU GOT!

C'MON, ME NOW!

THAT'S RIGHT! WE'RE NOT GIVING A SINGLE RUN TO SASAZAKI!

PUT SOME SPIRIT INTO IT, PEOPLE!


WE'RE GONNA WIN... WE HAVE TO!
WE ALL KNOW WHAT THIS GAME MEANS..


YEAAAH!
C'MON, BRING IT!


CAMERA, CAMERA! GET ON THAT!
WHOA! THEY'RE FIGHTING!
NOOO, DON'T TAKE PICTURES!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!


MMM? 146?
HUH.. THAT'S IT?

WE'RE SCREWED IF THEY TAKE PICTURES OF ME DOING THIS.

PHEW-WW

FUCK THOSE REPORTERS.

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.....

IF WE WERE ON SUMMER VACATION, MAYBE. BUT AT THIS POINT

YOU THINK ANYONE'S GONNA SHOW UP TO WATCH IF THEY KNOW WE'RE NOT GONNA WIN?

TOMORROW? NO WAY. NEVER GONNA HAPPEN.

YEAH, THERE'S NO WAY WE'LL WIN.


HEY.


NO ONE ACTUALLY THINKS YOU GUYS CAN WIN.
IT'S A WASTE OF TIME GOING TO WATCH.
W-WHAT ?!


STAY OUTTA MY SHIT!
GOD, NOT YOU AGAIN!
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LOOK AT YOU GETTING SELF-RIGHTEOUS.


THE TEAM THAT GIVES MORE EFFORT ALWAYS WINS.


ARE YOU THAT RETARDED? YOU DON'T KNOW?
HEH.
KNOW WHAT?

. BUT DON'T PULL ANY BULLSHIT THAT'S GONNA GET YOU LOOKED DOWN ON.

UGH...

THAT'S REALLY UNCONVINCING, COMING FROM YOU.

LOOK, I KNOW YOU'RE GONNA LOSE TOMORROW...

PEOPLE ARE WRITIN' ALL KINDS OF SHIT ABOUT YOU ON THE NET

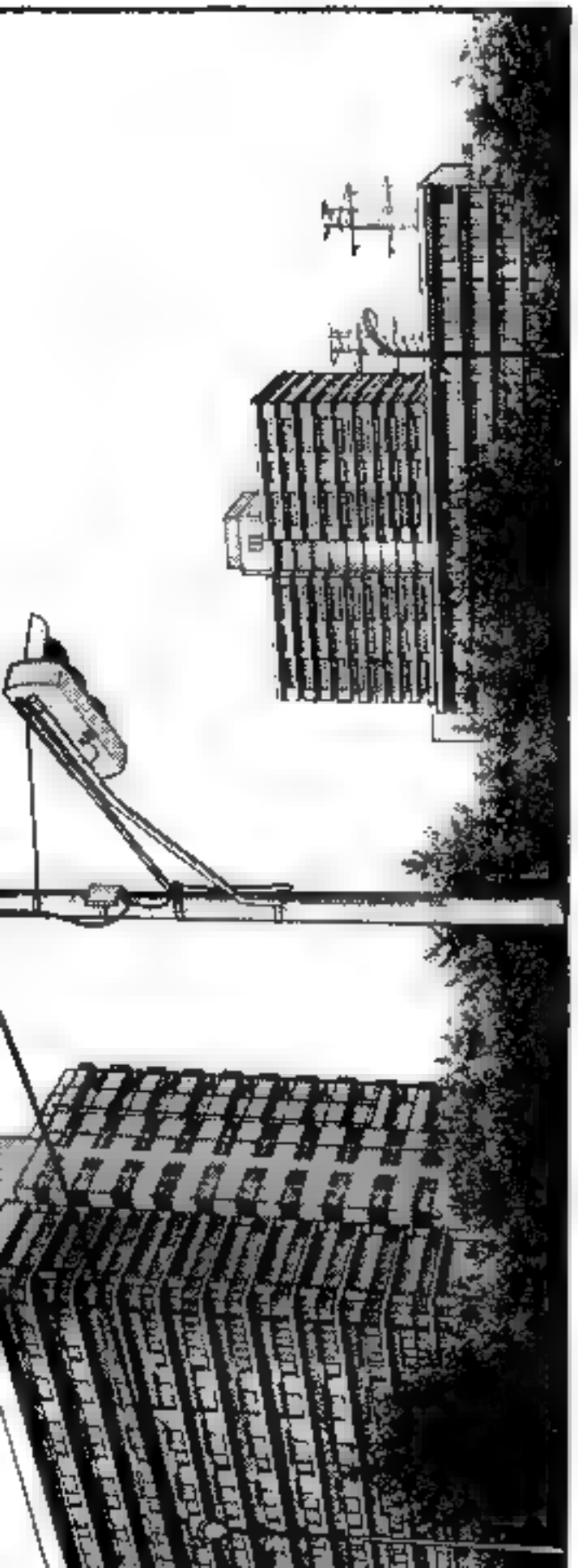
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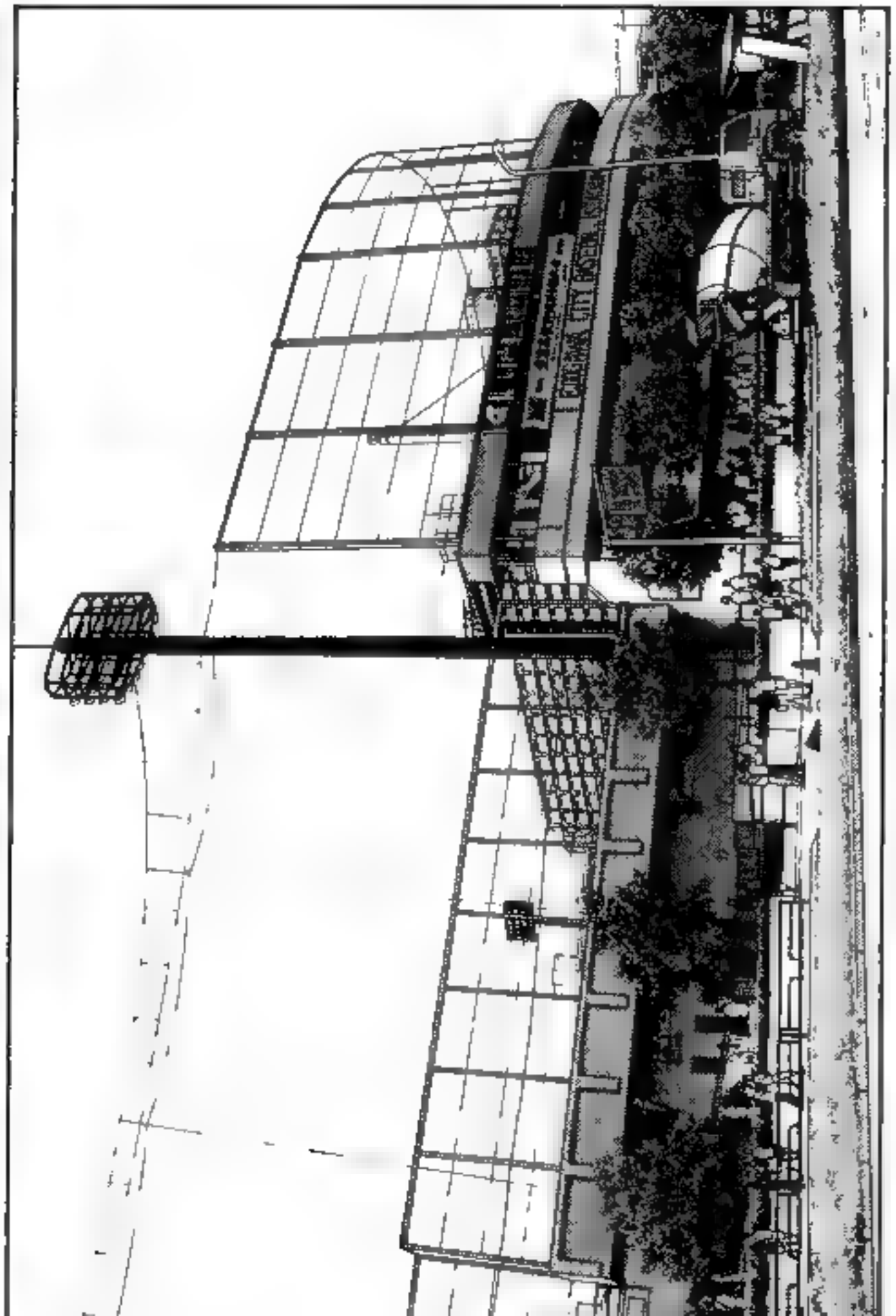
OF COURSE, WITH A MORON LIKE YOU ON THE TEAM, THEY'RE PRACTICALLY BEGGING TO BE DISRESPECTED.

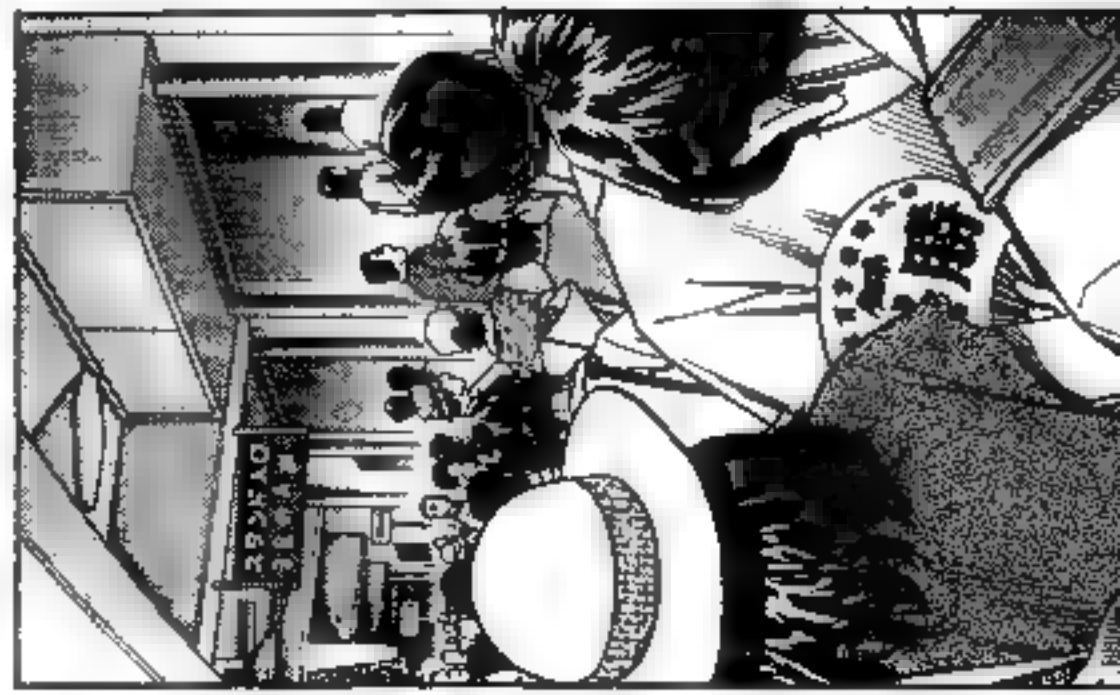
I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT TO YOU.

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GUH .










Higashio — Yoshitake Jitsugyo
Sasazaki —Futakotamagawa
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MURMUR

KAWA-KAMI!

MURMUR

MURMUR

KAWA-KAMI-KUULIN!

HIT ONE, BESSHO!

MURMUR

YEAAAH, THERE HE IS!

Sasazaki High. please take fielding practice.

KYAAAA! KAWAKAMI-KUUUUN!

KAWA-KAMI-KUUUUN!

BUT I KNOW MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE THAT YOU'RE NOT THE TYPE TO BE CONSUMED BY THE ENEMY!

UNDER-STAND ME?! NO NEED TO THINK ABOUT ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE GAME!

Sign: Dugout

CAN YOU HEAR THE CHEERS OUT THERE?

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THE STANDS ARE PACKED FOR SASAZAK

THIS IS A FIRST FOR US.

WE'RE PLAYING OUR GAME!

LET'S SHOW THEM WHAT NIKOGAKU BASEBALL IS ALL ABUT!

RIGHT!

USHH.

HELL YEAH!

LET'S DO THIS THING!

MURMUR

AH, THERE THEY ARE.

SO, THAT'S NIKOGAKU, HUH?

MURMUR

MURMUR

MM?

MURMUR

MURMUR MURMUR

MURMUR MURMUR

MURMUR MURMUR

MURMUR MURMUR

YOU DIDN'T HEAR? THEY CAUSED A RIOT AT A GAME LAST YEAR. THEY'RE AN INFAMOUS THUG SCHOOL.

WHAT? THEY FAMOUS?

OH YEAH. *ALL* OVER THE NET

REALLY?!

THEY'VE SHUT OUT ALL THEIR GAMES SO FAR, BUT EVERYONE SAYS THEY CHEATED.

GO HOME, NIKO-GAKU!

AHA HA HA HA.

MAN, FUCK THEM.

HEH. SOUNDS LIKE THE STANDS ARE FULL OF OUR RUMORS, TOO.


HAMANAKA-KUN!
IT'S THEIR TURN TO PRACTICE.


DON'T EVEN GIVE THE HATERS YOUR ATTENTION.
WHO JUST SAID THAT?
THE GUY IN THE RED SHIRT?




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Two minutes of practice time remaining.
HEY! HAMANAKA!


WHAT'S WITH HIM?
HUH?
MURMUR


GET BACK HERE!
WHERE'S HE GOING?

MURMUR

MURMUR

MURMUR

MURMUR

HE TURNED TO THE STANDS.

WHAT THE-?

MURMUR

MURMUR

HUH?

WHAT?

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PTH!

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WHA...

HEH.

WHAT THE FUCK WAS THAT?!

YOU LITTLE PIECE OF SHIT!

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